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Air Canada to allow small pets in cabin

FLIGHT Small dogs and cats will soon be allowed to fly with their owners, Air Canada announced yesterday.

The carrier and its regional airline Jazz will allow a limited number of pets per plane to fly in the cabin if their container can be stowed under the seat.

The animals will have to be registered and it'll cost $50 for North American flights and $100 for international.

To accommodate people with allergies, only four pets will be allowed per flight. METRO VANCOUVER

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Sunny Side

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Maureen Lee and her three-year-old daughter Maya at their Brackendale home before a cougar attack. They're recuperating after Maya was approached from behind and swiped by a cougar while the pair walked in a Squamish park on Tuesday.

Mother heartbroken that cougar was killed

Animal 'made the decision to back off and let us go'

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The mother who got in between her three-year-old daughter and a cougar in Squamish said she is grateful her little girl suffered minor injuries only and sad that the animal is dead.

As Maureen Lee walked with her daughter Maya in Fisherman's Park near the Squamish River on Tuesday night, a cougar approached the girl from behind and swiped at her.

Maureen Lee told Metro Vancouver yesterday that without thinking she grabbed Maya and stood between the girl and the animal.

"I knew that it was just a matter of seconds that he needed to kill her," Lee said. "I knew that any delay would mean her life.

"I did what I think any mother would do, I jumped between him and her and I held on to her."

The animal then walked away, leaving Maya with some minor wounds.

Speaking from the family home near Squamish, Lee said she had very little sleep the night of the attack. While it terrified her, she said hearing the cougar was shot and killed by conservation officers made her heartbroken.

"I think he made the choice to leave us alone," Lee said, before she paused to cry. "He made that choice, I'm so sorry that he died."

Sightings

- More than 30 cougar sightings have been reported in the Squamish area this month.
- Two of the animals have been killed by conservation officers after dogs and a child were attacked.

"As much as I jumped up and pushed him off of Maya, he had every opportunity to get us. He made the decision to back off and let us go. I really respect him for that."

Lee added that Maya is tired and doesn't yet fully understand the danger she was in.

"She's a strong, intelligent and brave girl," Lee said.

Lee's husband, Pablo Espinosa, said he's proud of his wife.

"It was lucky that I have such a courageous wife," he said. "She didn't just scare him off," she fought him off.

Police tell homeless what it'll be like in 2010

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

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SECURITY Vancouver police have created a "fact sheet" to let marginalized people know how the 2010 Games may impact their lives, Chief Const. Jim Chu announced yesterday.

The Frequently Asked Security Questions, which gives short answers about searches, protests and the displacement of homeless around venues, has been posted on the department's website for the past couple of months.

But Vancouver police are now looking at more direct ways of getting it into the hands of the people.

"We're looking at other means to distribute it to some of the more marginalized people who don't have access to common media mediums," said Const. Jana McGuinness, a VPD spokeswoman.

"Whether that's through beat officers handing it out or whether it gets posted in the Downtown Eastside, we're looking at ways to disseminate it."

The two-page sheet answers questions about whether Canadian Forces will patrol the streets, whether people will be searched in the public domain and where security cameras will be installed.

The fact sheet also has a police contact to deal with concerns from Downtown Eastside residents.

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Local

Take Home his gear

Celebrity chef and host of TLC's Take Home Chef, Curtis Stone, left, will be in Vancouver today for the launch of his Kitchen Solutions collection at the Bay. Stone will be at the company's Pacific Centre store at 4 p.m. METRO VANCOUVER

Rally set to honour slain abortion doctor

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Supporters of the pro-choice movement are holding a rally in Vancouver tonight in tribute of an American abortion doctor who was assassinated last month.

The event at Grandview Park honours Dr. George Tiller, who was shot by a pro-life advocate in a Kansas church on May 31.

Joyce Arthur, with the Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada, said clinics in Vancouver referred patients to Tiller because there's little access to late-term abortion here.

"Many of us … knew George," said Arthur. "We thought it was import to honour him here because it's not just an American issue … We had shootings here in the 1990s. We see similar hateful rhetoric here."

Arthur said there's a misconception that late-term abortions — those performed after 22 weeks — are performed on healthy fetuses.

"People think there are women out there who are having late abortions so they can fit into their prom dresses," Arthur said, adding the reality is that most women who need the procedure planned their pregnancy. "They discover late that … there are severe abnormalities with the fetus that are not compatible with life."

Speakers

- Tonight's rally will include tributes from speakers, including City Coun. Ellen Woodsworth, and a statement read from Vancouver East MP Libby Davies.

Other times, the pregnancy puts the mother's life at risk. "It's a scandal that women are forced to travel to Kansas for these procedures," Arthur said.

Jill Doctoroff, director of Vancouver's Elizabeth Bagshaw Clinic For Women, said there are few providers trained for the complex procedures here.

Arthur said while most pro-life organizations have condemned Tiller's murder, they are still responsbile for fanning the flames of hatred in the extremists.

"They might be condemning the murder in public, but privately they're drinking champagne," she said. "There's a lot of that sentiment around that he deserved what he got."

But Betty Green, president of Vancouver Right To Life, said the violent actions of a few extremists tarnish the name of the movement, which supports the right to life for all people. "We'd rather see Dr. Tiller found guilty and be stripped of his licence to practise," Green said. "We certainly don't advocate killing anybody but would rather see justice. That's not justice."

Parks board eyes RV space for Olympics

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VANCOUVER 2010 Games

Organizers of Vancouver's Olympics may want to consider dumping Sumi, Quatchi and Miga in favour of Julian, Ricky and Bubbles.

Vancouver Parks Board wants to create temporary recreational vehicle parks at Jericho and Spanish Banks for visitors who want to camp in the city during the 2010 Games.

> **"This just gives tourists and visitors to Vancouver one more option."**
> Ian Robertson

Commissioner Ian Robertson said parks staff recognized that a number of people with RVs would come to Vancouver during the Games.

"We know there's going to be a significant challenge with hotel space in the city and this just gives tourists and visitors to Vancouver one more option," Robertson said.

On Tuesday, the board announced a request for proposals for an operator to manage the temporary sites during the Games.

"We'll ensure that the recreation vehicles will comply with all of the sanitation requirements and that they're parked in a proper area."

Robertson said there had been no public consultation, but said the sites are far enough away that they shouldn't bother residents. Plus, he said, public access to the beaches will be maintained. The size of the RV sites have not been determined and the proposal is still subject to a temporary development permit from the city. The board hopes to name an operator in July.

"Any revenue that is generated by this will flow to the parks board and that helps us to deliver better parks and recreation services to the residents."

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Kailin See of the Portland Hotel Society addresses the Vancouver Police Board yesterday afternoon.

Poverty advocates dispute tickets

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Anti-poverty advocates called on Vancouver's police board yesterday to cancel thousands of tickets issued in the Downtown Eastside for infractions like riding a bike without a helmet or spitting on the sidewalk.

About 40 people arrived at police headquarters for the police board meeting, but most were left waiting outside as space constraints meant only five supporters could enter.

Laura Track, a lawyer with the Pivot Legal Society, said the tickets, 1,000 of which were issued in December alone, have caused "incredible stress and grief" to residents of the Downtown Eastside.

Resident Harley Ransom told the board he'd received four tickets, two for jaywalking, one for riding his bike on the sidewalk and one for riding a bike without a bell.

The tickets start at $100, and Ransom said he only gets $185 a month to cover his food and medicine.

"I don't want to go to jail," he said. "But I don't have the money to pay these tickets."

Chief Jim Chu said the board would consider the information provided, but added that the tickets were lawfully issued.

"Those tickets are issued throughout the city," he said. "Especially — in terms of some of the disorder issues — on the Granville Mall."

Woman hit by own car hospitalized

INJURIES An elderly Surrey woman was airlifted to hospital in serious condition after being run over by her own car in an IHOP parking lot.

The victim was getting out of her car on Tuesday afternoon when it rolled back, said RCMP Cpl. Dan Loeppky.

"It is still undetermined why the vehicle rolled back, but witnesses advised that the female had been … attempting to activate the emergency brake in order to stop the vehicle from rolling back further," Loeppky said.

Police are investigating the accident and have not released the woman's name. METRO VANCOUVER

UBC study examines gambling behaviour in rats

STUDY Researchers at UBC have found a way to get rats to gamble, which they're using to develop treatments for humans.

The rats were given choice between four gambling options, each delivering a different number of sugar pellets. If they won, the animals received a reward. If they lost, they were subjected to a time-out during which they couldn't gamble for more treats.

High-risk options offered greater rewards, but fewer payouts. The low risk-options offered lower payouts but with more frequency. The rats eventually learned to select the option with the optimum level of risk and reward to maximize their payouts.

The study, published yesterday in the journal Neuropsychopharmacology, said the rats' gambling decisions can be impaired or improved with drugs. METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

BOMB The American side of the Pacific Highway border crossing was shut down yesterday evening after a suspicious package was left in the Nexus enrolment office. RCMP officers were sent to the Surrey side of the border to investigate and a bomb squad was called from Bellingham, Wash.

ETHICS Vancouver city council is considering whether it needs an integrity or ethics commissioner today. The recommendation was one of 18 by lawyer Richard Peck, who was appointed to examine last fall's leak of information on Olympic village financing.

AUCTION A fine arts auction in Vancouver generated $4.7 million, breaking 13 artists' price records. The first Heffel Fine Art session, the Post-War & Contemporary Art auction, saw a dozen paintings exceed the $100,000 price mark.

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Les Miserables breaks record

The current production of Les Miserables is the highest selling in the 46-year history of Vancouver's Arts Club Theatre Company. It's being held over an additional two weeks at the Stanley Industrial Stage to accommodate demand. The previous record holder was 2005's Disney's Beauty and the Beast. METRO VANCOUVER

Culinary students will battle to impress chef

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SunnySide

Students from local culinary schools will be battling to win over celebrity chef David Wong's tastebuds and take home $1,000 at an annual cooking competition in Vancouver this weekend.

Competitors from Vancouver Community College, Pacific Culinary Institute, and the Art Institute will be taking part in the Rio Tinto Alcan Dragon Boat Aluminum Chef Competition at the Dragon Boat Festival.

Wong, who represented Canada this year at the Bocuse d'Or culinary competition in France, will be a judge at the final cook-off Sunday.

He said competition makes a chef better — no matter what status they attain in their career.

"You really push yourself to be even better (and) it accelerates your learning at an exponential level," he said.

Wong said competitors should focus on perfecting flavour first and presentation second.

"They're young cooks, so I'm looking to see that they have the fundamentals down — cooking technique and seasoning."

Marcus Von Albrecht, director of the B.C. Chef's Association and master of ceremonies, said competitors must use ingredients from within a 100-mile radius of Vancouver and prepare dishes using Alcan aluminum foil.

"It's like a mini Iron Chef," Von Albrecht said. "There's rivalry (within the) schools and an opportunity on a non-professional level to compete in competition and get their feet wet."

"You really push yourself to be even better (and) it accelerates your learning."
Celebrity chef David Wong

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If you want your identifying information kept private, and if the adoption order was made before September 1, 2008, adopted adults and birth parents can file a disclosure veto.

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Police investigate pair of shootings

INJURIES Police are investigating two separate early morning shootings that sent a man in Abbotsford and another in Richmond to hospital.

A 31-year-old Abbotsford man was released from hospital yesterday after being shot and stabbed in a fight on Oakridge Street.

Police said the victim is known to them.

In Richmond, police have questioned and released two "persons of interest" in connection with a shooting that sent a man in his 60s to hospital with a gunshot wound to his leg.

"It appeared as though some type of altercation took place between the victim and a group of males," said RCMP Cpl. Jennifer Pound.

"At this point it does not appear to be gang related."

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Police use 'non-lethal' force to oust barricaded suspect

TRAILER A domestic assault suspect who barricaded himself in his trailer was arrested yesterday afternoon after officers used "non-lethal methods" to get him out, West Vancouver police said.

After officers arrived in Homulchsen, the Capilano Reserve, a 47-year-old man locked himself in his trailer and refused to respond to a police negotiator.

The Vancouver Police Department Emergency Response Team was called in to help and after hours of negotiation failed officers used non-lethal force to get the man out. Police did not specify if a Taser was used.

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Surrey man faces drug charges

ARREST A 47-year-old Surrey man has been arrested for drug trafficking after transit police allegedly caught him selling steroids and illegal cigarettes near Surrey Central SkyTrain station.

The suspect had $618 on him, along with hundreds of cigarettes and a vile of Oxymetholone — a type of steroid.

"Those responsible for the manufacturing and selling of illegal cigarettes are a part of organized crime," said Transit Police Chief Ward Clapham.

"These same groups are also involved in violence, drug dealing and weapons offences on our streets."

The suspect, who is known to police, is scheduled to appear in court on July 27.

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News in brief

CLIMBING A Vancouver realtor will attempt to climb the Grouse Grind 13 times in one day on June 22, breaking the previous record of 12, to raise money for the Royal LePage Shelter Foundation. If successful, Sebastian Albrecht will have climbed the equivalent of 68 CN Towers or the altitude of Mount Everest more than one and a half times.

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Shale puts pipeline in doubt: Billionaire

Billionaire oil investor T. Boone Pickens said in Calgary yesterday he doubts a $26-billion natural gas pipeline from Alaska will be built any time soon as abundant new shale gas supplies reduce the need for the expensive project. REUTERS

Canada

Canada, U.S. agree on organics

The United States and Canada have agreed to accept each other's standards for organic food, expanding opportunities for organic food trade, a U.S. Agriculture Department official said yesterday. "Today's agreement between the world's two largest organic trading partners is an important first step towards global harmonization of organic standards," Deputy Agriculture Secretary Kathleen Merrigan said in a statement. REUTERS

Charges laid after school stabbings

CRIME Two teens have been charged with attempted murder after a teacher and four students were stabbed at a Mississauga, Ont., high school.

Maria LoCicero, a teacher in a program for students with disciplinary problems at St. Joseph Secondary School, was slashed on the hand as she intervened in a hallway fight yesterday.

Students said the altercation was retaliation for a swarming Monday in which one of yesterday's alleged attackers was beaten. None of the students suffered life-threatening wounds, police said. One student was reportedly stabbed in the neck, abdomen and hand.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

PM, Iggy reach deal

Parties step back from election after panel agreement

The federal Liberals agreed yesterday to back the minority Conservative government in a crucial confidence vote Friday, averting the threat of the summer election that both parties said nobody wanted.

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff stepped back from the brink of an election after Prime Minister Stephen Harper agreed to set up a joint panel to develop proposals to reform eligibility for jobless benefits.

It showed sudden willingness on the part of both men to co-operate and compromise to try to reduce the inherent instability of a minority Parliament.

"The breakthrough we actually have is the willingness of the government and the official opposition to work together on an important public policy matter," Harper said, pledging to act in good faith with the Liberals.

Canada last went to the polls in October and has had three minority governments since 2004. REUTERS

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A combination picture showing Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff, left, and Prime Minister Stephen Harper during separate news conferences on Parliament Hill yesterday. The Liberals said yesterday it had struck a deal with Harper to avoid an election.

Feds promise $1B in aid for paper, pulp

INDUSTRY Canada promised $1 billion in aid yesterday to the country's pulp and paper industry, which has been hit hard by a U.S. tax rule that has benefited its U.S. rivals.

The government will pay pulp companies 16 cents a litre for "black liquor," which is a byproduct of the pulp-making process and which is often burned to produce energy.

The program aims to offset the impact of a U.S. biofuel tax credit that has allowed some American pulp mills to make money by producing and using "black liquor" in their own facilities.

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On the credit

- Canadian pulp producers say the credit has allowed American mills to overproduce pulp .

Zoo watchdog calls for review

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Metro Canada

ANIMALS A zoo watchdog is calling for a review of the Calgary Zoo in the wake of what they call another "bad mistake" in a series of incidents dating back to 2007.

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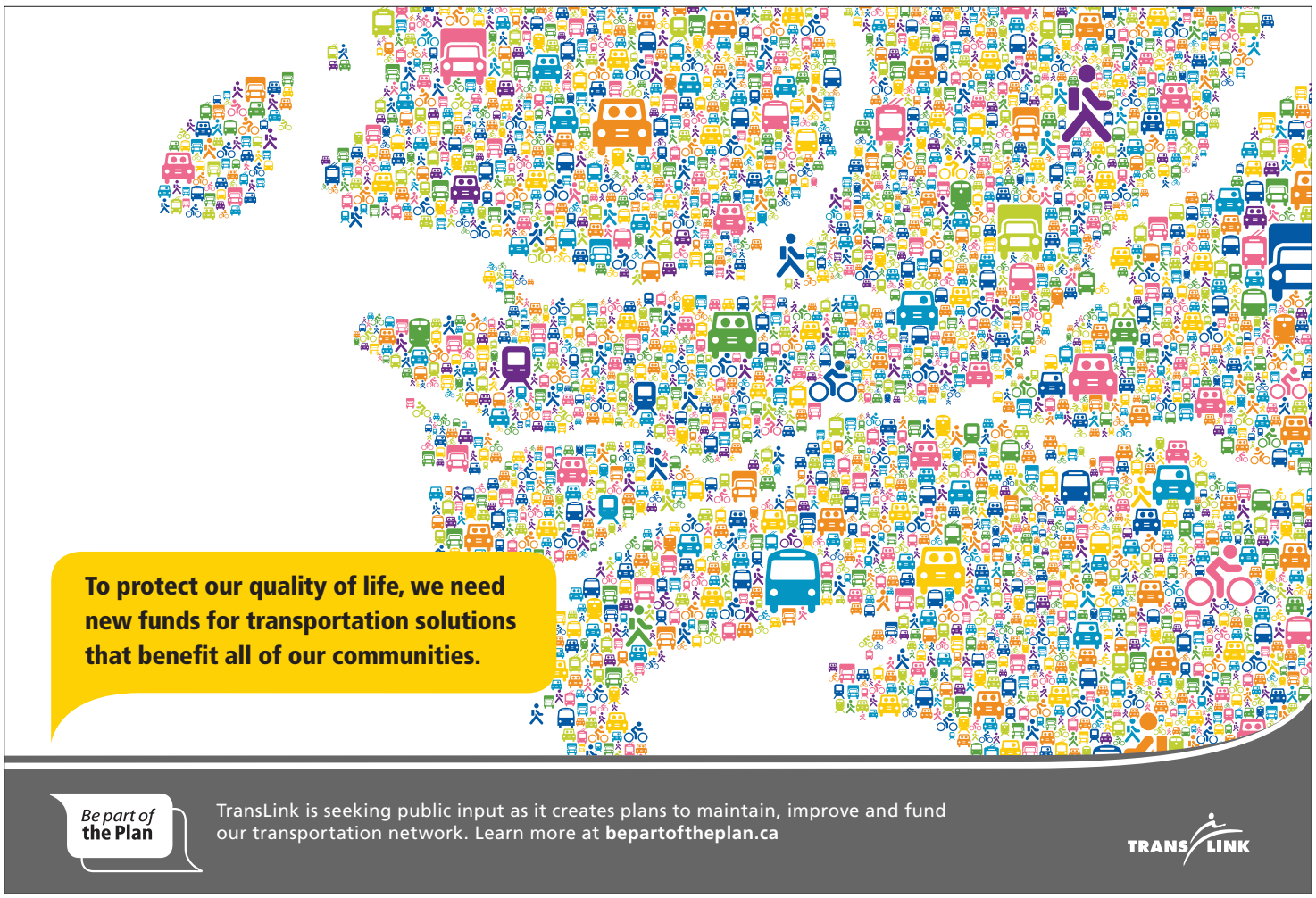

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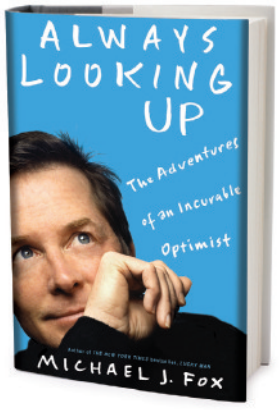

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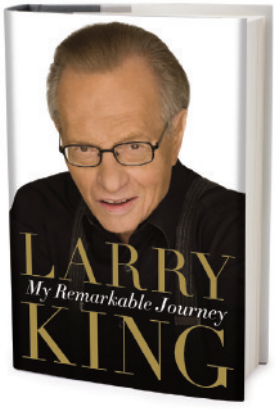

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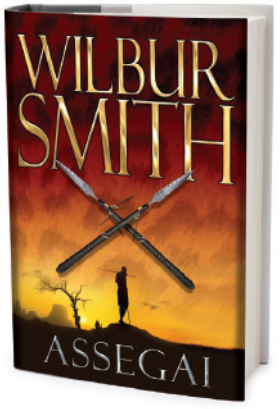

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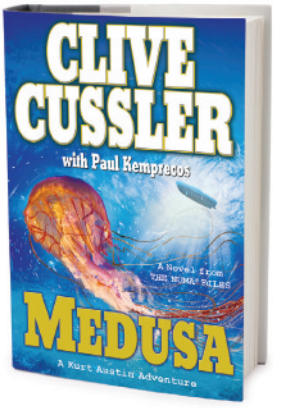

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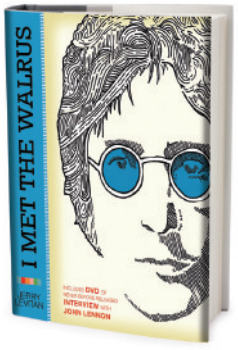

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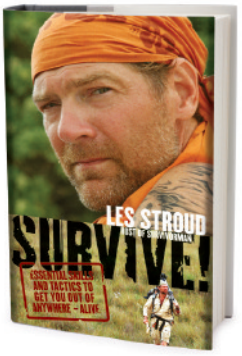

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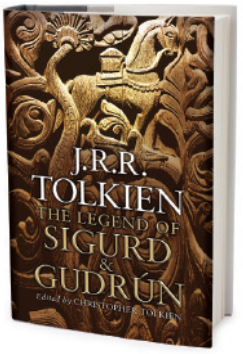

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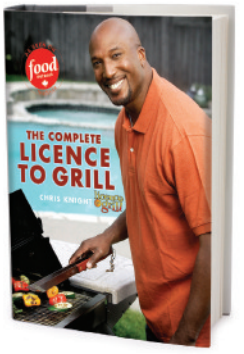

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Jacques Dupuis blames Montreal North riots on 'handful of agitators'
The Quebec public security minister spoke yesterday about the Tuesday night riots that ended with nine people being charged, CBC News Online reports. Dupuis also assured Quebecers the government is doing everything in its power to ease tensions in Montreal North. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Alberta bishops question reactors

VICTORIA HANDYSIDES
Metro Canada

Toxic waste, terrorist threats and depleted natural resources could become Alberta's future if nuclear reactors are erected in the province, a reality of which citizens are largely unaware, Alberta's Catholic archbishops said yesterday.

"Of course, we're not scientists, we're not nuclear physicists, but it seems for every argument that is posed for establishing nuclear energy there is a counter," Archbishop Richard Smith said yesterday.

"We believe creation is God's work, and we have a responsibility to be effective stewards of it."
Archbishop Richard Smith

The bishops feel environmental and ethical ramifications of establishing nuclear power in Alberta would be vast, including drawing a massive volume of water from the province's main arteries, and the problem of storing nuclear waste.

"We believe creation is God's work, and we have a responsibility to be effective stewards of it," he said.

"Would we be effective stewards of creation if that nuclear waste was stored for hundreds or thousands of years?"

Four bishops issued a list of concerns on what they feel is the impending threat of nuclear power, and are urging Albertans to become educated on the potential looming energy source.

Ontario **Another family grieves**

FRED THORNHILL / REUTERS

Family members watch as the casket of Cpl. Martin Dube is carried to a hearse at Canadian Forces Base Trenton in Ontario yesterday. Dube, who was based at the CFB Valcartier near Quebec City, was killed by an improvised explosive device southwest of Kandahar City in Afghanistan on Sunday.

Execs predict upward trend, survey says

OUTLOOK The worst of the earnings slump may be over for Canadian companies, according to a survey of senior financial executives released yesterday.

Most firms will see their revenue grow or at least remain unchanged in 2009, suggesting that the downward trend will reverse itself early next year, the survey of more than 200 executives found. The study, conducted by Canadian Financial Executives Research Foundation, FEI Canada, and sponsored by Ernst & Young, looked at public and private companies, as well as government corporations and agencies, academic institutions, and nonprofit organizations. REUTERS

News in brief

TAMILS WARNED Canadian Tamil organizations are warning Toronto Tamils not to send money to a Sri Lankan company offering to find missing family and friends in the wake of the country's bloody 25-year civil war. In a recent email sent to the organizations, a consultant says for an initial fee of $25 US, his company will attempt to make contact with Tamils forced from their homes.

LAWSUIT The sole survivor, as well as the families of 15 passengers who died in a Sikorsky helicopter crash off Newfoundlound, is suing the U.S. company. They allege it made incorrect claims about the length of time pilots could safely fly if oil leaked out of the helicopter's gearbox.

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Mistress guilty of murder

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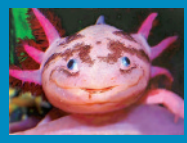

Salamander may yield clues for amputees

Scientists are genetically modifying a bizarre-looking Mexican salamander, which according to ancient mythology is a transformed Aztec god, in the hope its ability to regenerate body parts will one day help human amputees. Also known as "water monsters," the half-foot-long axolotl is nearly extinct in its only remaining habitat: The polluted vestiges of Aztec canals that snake though southern Mexico City. REUTERS

Iran accuses U.S. of meddling

Americans reject claim as Iran reportedly summons Canadian, European diplomats

Iran's Foreign Ministry summoned the Swiss ambassador, who represents U.S. interests in Tehran, yesterday to protest at "interventionist" U.S. statements on the country's election, Fars News Agency reported.

The Foreign Ministry communicated Iran's "protest and displeasure" over statements by U.S. government officials about the outcome of last week's presidential vote, Iran's semi-official news agency said. In Washington, the White House said U.S. President Barack Obama will continue to defend the right of Iranians to peacefully protest the outcome of the election without "meddling" in Iran's internal debate.

Probe ordered

- Iran's Interior Ministry has ordered an investigation into an attack on university students, which they say was carried out by Islamic militia and police. One student activist who declined to be named told Reuters Tuesday four students were killed during the violence.

The State Department strongly rejected claims that the U.S. was interfering in the disputed June 12 election, pointing out that diplomats from other countries had also been summoned.

"I suspect we are in good company," said State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley. "This is not about the United States."

A senior Canadian diplomat in Tehran had also been called in to the ministry, Fars News Agency said.

TWITTER/REUTERS

A photo posted on Twitter shows protesters demonstrating in support of defeated presidential candidate Mir Hossein Mousavi.

On Tuesday, several European ambassadors were also summoned. REUTERS

Iran likely wants bomb: Watchdog

NUCLEAR Iran wants the ability to build nuclear weapons to gain the reputation of a major power in the Middle East, the head of the UN nuclear watchdog said in a BBC interview yesterday. Tehran denied the assertion. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's disputed re-election last week has cast doubt on Western powers' hope of a dialogue with Iran aimed at curbing its uranium enrichment program, which Iran says is for generating electricity only. "My gut feeling is that Iran definitely would like to have the technology," Mohamed ElBaradei said. REUTERS

Sri Lanka scoffs at Tamil plan

SEPARATISTS The remnants of the Tamil Tigers have vowed to form a government to push their separatist cause, which Sri Lanka yesterday called an "hallucination" and another illegal attempt to violate its unitary status. The decision came less than a month after the Sri Lankan military crushed the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam in a 25-year civil war. Selvarajah Pathmanathan, the top remaining LTTE leader, signed off on the formation of a committee to create a "transnational government of Tamil Eelam." REUTERS

U.S. banks repay bailout cash

ECONOMY Ten of the largest U.S. banks said yesterday they repaid more than $68 billion US of taxpayer bailout funds, as they race to extract themselves from government restrictions on pay for top executives.

$68B

Total bailout money paid back to the U.S. government by 10 of the largest banks in the United States.

Banks are returning money taken from the $700-billion Troubled Asset Relief Program, which was once intended to spur lending but is now viewed as a sign that recipients are too weak to survive on their own.

JPMorgan Chase & Co. said it repaid $25 billion to TARP, while Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and Morgan Stanley said they repaid $10 billion each.

Among other banks, U.S. Bancorp said it repaid $6.6 billion, Capital One Financial Corp. $3.6 billion, American Express Co. $3.4 billion, BB&T Corp $3.1 billion, Bank of New York Mellon Corp. $3 billion, State Street Corp. $2 billion and Northern Trust Corp. $1.57 billion.

Apart from Northern Trust, all of these banks underwent government "stress tests" of their ability to withstand a deep recession and the government gave these 10 permission to repay the funds last week.

Several of the banks that underwent the tests were ordered to plug capital shortfalls, including Bank of America Corp. and Citigroup Inc. REUTERS

News in brief

GUANTANAMO The U.S. government has decided the fate of about half the detainees at the Guantanamo Bay prison camp, and no more than a quarter of them will go on trial, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said yesterday. U.S. President Barack Obama's order for the prison for foreign terrorism suspects on a naval base in Cuba to be closed by the end of January has met resistance in U.S. Congress, where some lawmakers are opposing any transfers to the United States.

WEB The Internet is by far the most popular source of information and the preferred choice for news ahead of television, newspapers and radio, according to a new poll in the United States. But just a small fraction of American adults considered social websites such as Facebook and MySpace as a good source of news and even fewer would opt for Twitter. More than half of the people questioned in the Zogby Interactive survey said they would select the Internet if they had to choose only one source of news, followed by 21 per cent for television and 10 per cent for newspapers.

CRASH Autopsies on some victims of the Air France Flight 447 disaster show the bodies have multiple fractures but are not severely fragmented, suggesting the plane broke up in the air, a report said yesterday REUTERS

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California court denies request to delay Chris Brown case
Brown is accused of assaulting pop star Rihanna, his former girlfriend. Brown's attorney had sought to delay a hearing set for Monday. REUTERS

Former priest weds girlfriend

Case raises questions about Catholic celibacy

A former Roman Catholic priest and media celebrity who left the Catholic Church last month after he was photographed cuddling a woman on a Florida beach has married his girlfriend, local media reported yesterday.

Alberto Cutie, 40, who joined the Episcopal Church after the photos stoked debate over the Catholic celibacy requirement for priests, married 35-year-old Ruhama Buni Canellis Tuesday in a civil ceremony, the Miami Herald reported. The couple avoided photographers and news crews when they were married by a judge in Miami's Coral Gables district.

Cutie, born in Puerto Rico of Cuban parents, was a charismatic preacher and religious celebrity. He became embroiled in a media frenzy last month after a Spanish-language magazine published photos of him in swim trunks, cuddling and kissing a woman on a beach in Florida.

He previously dispensed relationship advice on Spanish-language television shows, church radio programs and newspaper columns. REUTERS

New faith

- Cutie is expected to become a priest in the Episcopal Church, which ordains men and women as priests, married or single.

Mexico **Drugs recovered from frozen sharks**

ARCELY SALAZAR/REUTERS

Mexican naval officers stand guard after cutting open more than 20 shark carcasses filled with slabs of cocaine after checking a container ship in a port in the southern Mexico state of Yucatan yesterday. Mexico's navy seized more than a tonne of cocaine stuffed inside frozen sharks, as drug gangs go to greater lengths to conceal narcotics bound for the United States.

Barbados, Grenada turn away cruise ship over virus scare

Flu **Outbreak**

PRECAUTION Barbados and Grenada refused this week to allow passengers to leave a Spanish cruise ship owned by Royal Caribbean Cruises because of fears of an influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, outbreak, authorities and shipping sources said yesterday.

They added the moves were precautionary and that Grenadian and Barbadian authorities had no laboratory confirmation anyone on board was suffering from the H1N1 flu strain, declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization last week.

Many of the small island states in the eastern Caribbean depend on cruise ship arrivals as an important source of foreign exchange for their vulnerable economies.

On Monday, the Ocean Dream operated by Pullmantur Cruises docked in Grenada, but no one was permitted to leave the ship because of reports several people on board had flu-like symptoms, Grenada's Health Ministry said.

The cruise liner's next destination was Barbados on Tuesday, but the ship was not allowed to berth by Barbadian authorities because of the reports of the flu-like symptoms among its occupants, shipping agents in Bridgetown said.

Ocean Dream, which can carry more than 1,000 passengers, subsequently sailed for Margarita Island on Venezuela's Caribbean coast. REUTERS

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Bill causes ripple effect

Alberta teachers must warn parents of certain subjects

Earlier this month, a bill passed in Alberta enshrining gay rights into the province's human rights code. Celebrations were overshadowed, however, by a buried clause — a tiny but powerful traitor tumbling out of a rainbow-coloured Trojan horse.

Under section 11.1 of Bill 44, the Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, Alberta teachers are now required to give formal notice to parents before teaching subjects dealing explicitly with religion, sexuality or sexual orientation. Parents can then pull their children out of these classes without academic penalty.

While I support parents being informed in advance of these lessons and having the ability to make such decisions, the introduction of such legalities can create a ripple effect of secondary issues.

Requiring formal, written consent before covering sexuality or sexual orientation, for example, suggests to a child there is something so improper and perverse about it that even teachers must obtain permission before discussing it. "I'd love to tell you what homosexuality is, Jimmy, but first I'll need your mother to sign a waiver in case this knowledge robs you of your innocence and corrupts your impressionable little mind."

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It would also curtail the natural progression of class discussions and could cost students some very valuable lessons.

As well, if teachers must send out such advisories, wait for responses from every parent, determine whether or not to still proceed and, if so, (presumably) find alternative arrangements for children who cannot partake, it is expected that some teachers will simply opt for less contestable content. Even if every parent gave the go-ahead, it would be a considerable hassle that would effectively kill the timeliness and spontaneity of lessons, for example, related to current events.

It should be noted that before the passing of the bill, Alberta parents were already notified before their children partook in sex education classes. The biggest difference now is the intimidating legal threat that teachers can be brought before Alberta Human Rights tribunals and its subsequent effects.

This is not an explicit issue of sexuality or religion, but of a teacher's ability to do his or her job fearlessly, and the implicit effect this has on our children's attitudes toward such topics.

Andrea Woo is a Vancouver-based news and entertainment reporter.

MICHAEL DE ADDER

Views

Women, girls need a room of their own

As a kid, my favourite activity was to read children's encyclopedias; my favourite entry was on aboriginal vision quests. Boys are cast into the wilderness to meditate and discover their life direction; they emerge men of truth and purpose. (No mention of the female equivalent.)

As a high-schooler, I spewed a geyser of emotion into a well-guarded journal. In English class, I learned about Virginia Woolf's A Room Of One's Own. (Her theory: "A woman must have money and a room of her own if she is to write.") It made me wonder if my self-reflection was my own rite of passage — a notion explored in She's Shameless, to be released next week by Shameless, a Toronto-based alt-magazine for young women.

The essays are honest — about getting knocked up, knocked down, first times, first loves and finding your voice — but as co-editors Stacey May Fowles and Megan Griffith-Greene wrote in the book's introduction, "This is not an after-school special."

Cautionary tales abound — a pregnant 16-year-old contemplates, then rejects, abortion; a fourth-grader's French teacher peers down her shirt; a virginity is lost to a slimy married father twice her age — but that's not the point.

"Some feminists believe women are absent from history books ... because they were written by men. If that's true, all the more reason to write."

Young women are rarely ever heard from in society. It's adults, often men, that are invited on TV to wring their hands about teen-girl crises and asked how to "fix" these problems.

Grow up, be smart, take responsibility, teens are told — but in practice they're not often given that agency, which is what makes She's Shameless remarkable. The essays neither condone nor condemn; some are full of regret, but the contributors' bios tell of eventual successes — writers are "proud feminist mamas," university graduates, artists.

As it turns out, a writer shared my vision quest. Teri Vlassopoulos on making zines, which quieted her restless thoughts: "Even if the zines eventually get thrown away or if they're a little embarrassing or if there's some bad spelling in there, it's OK. That part doesn't matter. What matters is the importance of having tangible evidence and amassing proof. We should make things that we can keep around for later, even if just to burn them."

Some feminists believe women are absent from history books (and kids' encyclopedias) because they were written by men. If that's true, all the more reason to write.

Canice Leung is a former editor of Ryerson University feminist magazine McClung's, copy editor at Metro, ardent feminist and loudmouth.

Letters

Fear and loathing over allergy season

Re: Highs, lows of spring (June 15)

My allergy resumé goes something like this: Diagnosed with hay fever at age six, commenced biweekly injections (a treatment that I would continue for nearly 25 years) at the age of seven, taking over-the-counter medications and prescription nasal sprays daily by age nine, and briefly hospitalized for an adverse reaction to one of my above mentioned injections at age 10 or 11. I feel entitled to comment on Anne Hines' column.

I've heard the urban legend of people getting high or delirious on allergy medication many times over the years and I've always felt that I somehow missed the boat on this. Having tried marijuana and some other drugs as well when I was young and more foolish than I am now, I know what a "heightened sense of well-being," etc., feels like.

Having tried virtually every allergy medication on the market over the last 30 years, the most any of them have done for me is reasonably suppress the symptoms in question. Big pink bunny? Grinning idiot? If anything, my daily mood tends toward the grumpy, sour end of the spectrum.

I must be using the wrong stuff, because when I see the annual millions of white fuzzies in the air, my emotional response is typically somewhere between fear and loathing.

ERIK REID, VANCOUVER

Being pro-abortion is not equivalent to being feminist

Re: Feminism battleground is women's bodies

I was disturbed to read Canice Leung's column about feminism and abortion.

If she had researched the history of feminism she would find that early feminists were overwhelmingly pro-life. As Elizabeth Cady Stanton wrote in 1873, "When we consider that women are treated as property, it is degrading to women that we should treat our children as property to be disposed of as we see fit."

Being pro-abortion is not equivalent to being a feminist. Don't forget, at least half the kids being aborted are girls.

LORETTA SILVA, TORONTO

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Chrysler to resume production at seven plants
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Obama unveils reforms

Changes to U.S. regulation meant to prevent future collapses

U.S. President Barack Obama laid out his vision for recrafting U.S. financial regulation yesterday, vowing to halt "a cascade of mistakes ... over the course of decades" that eroded bank and market oversight.

The Obama plan, under development for six months, next goes to the U.S. Congress for debate, where more than a dozen committee hearings are scheduled between now and mid-July.

The plan takes on some tough jobs, such as forcing large financial firms to boost their capital cushions and regulating over-the-counter derivatives and securitized instruments.

But it only partially tackles a task once seen as vital — a top-to-bottom revamp of financial regulatory agencies.

No merger of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) is being proposed, for instance, due largely to political obstacles.

Opposition

- Powerful lobbying groups for corporate America were quick to pounce on the president's plan after it was released. Conservative House Republicans are offering a rival plan.

A contentious centrepiece of the plan is vesting the Federal Reserve with new powers over "systemic risk" in the economy with the aim of preventing future disasters like September's collapse of former Wall Street giant Lehman Brothers and the taxpayer bailout of mega-insurer American International Group.

The government would be also empowered to seize and unwind large, troubled companies that are not banks.

As well, Obama wants to beef up regulation of money market mutual funds, credit rating agencies and hedge funds, which would be required to register with the SEC.

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Russia **High hopes for Opel**

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Workers assemble trucks yesterday at the GAZ car factory in Nizhny Novgorod. GAZ, along with Russia's largest lender, Sberbank, and Canadian car-parts group Magna, is on track to buy GM's German carmaker Opel. GAZ is the industrial partner in the deal, which Russia hopes will bring in Opel's expertise and a chance of a technical breakthrough in its ailing car industry.

Business in brief

AUTO General Motors' controversial decision to force the closing of hundreds of dealerships is triggering a backlash from store owners who are now contemplating legal action, while at the same time consumers are expressing outrage about losing service through a public petition that has now topped 2,300 names.

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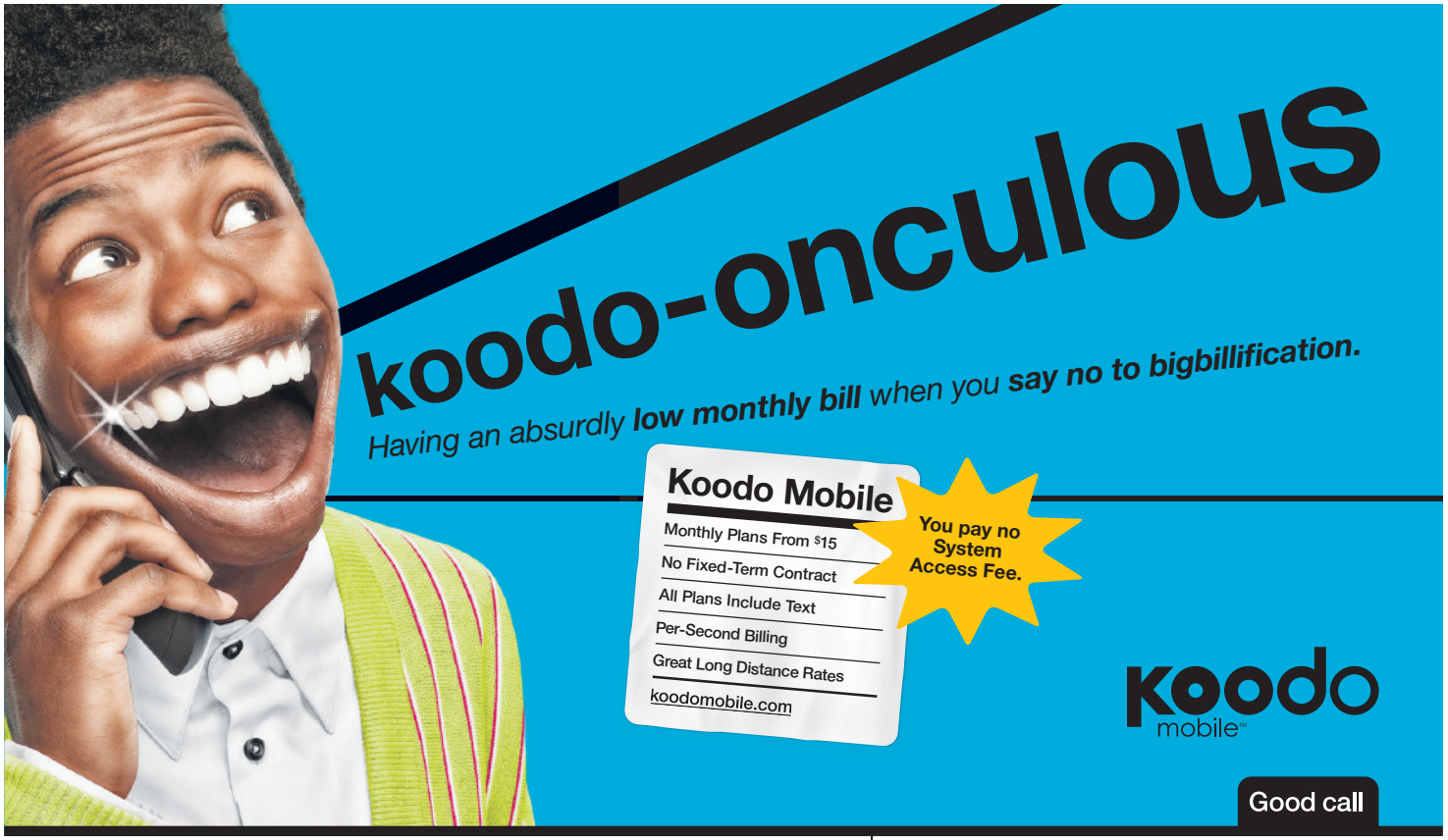

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A spokesman for Tom Ricketts, who heads his family's nearly US$900-million bid to buy the Chicago Cubs from Tribune Co., says the deal is still on. Dennis Culloton, who represents Ricketts, said yesterday that media reports suggesting otherwise are untrue. He said negotiations are moving along positively. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Burke blasts Heatley

Toronto Maple Leafs general manager Brian Burke isn't interested in acquiring Dany Heatley — and he isn't fond of the all-star forward's decision to request a trade out of Ottawa. Burke lambasted Heatley and agent JP Barry during telephone interview yesterday on the NHL Network, saying that no trade demand should become public. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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NHL goes for glitz

League awards to be handed out tonight in Las Vegas

Sin City becomes Shinny City tonight.

In a move it hopes will glitz up its image and bring a little more attention to the league, the NHL's annual awards gala will unfold in Las Vegas, a city with plenty of vice, but very little ice. The hardware handout will take place at the Palms Casino Resort and there will be a little hip-hop and Hollywood mixed with hockey as the game's brightest stars try to outshine the neon on the Strip.

"They want buzz," presenter Jeremy Roenick said of the league in a recent interview with a Vegas newspaper. "Las Vegas, there's no bigger buzz you're going to get for entertainment."

"Las Vegas, there's no bigger buzz you're going to get." Jeremy Roenick

Even when the awards show was held in Toronto, the league always brought together an eclectic group of entertainers and presenters. This year will be no different and no less puzzling.

Chaka Khan and Robin Thicke — whose father Alan has hosted these awards in the past — will be among the entertainers. Among those expected to walk the red carpet and make appearances during the show are Snoop Dogg (huge fan of the Anaheim Ducks) and Michael Bublé (minority owner of the WHL's Vancouver Giants), along with actors William Fichtner (Prison Break) and Tricia Helfer (Burn Notice).

There will of course be the usual array of impressive hockey legends on hand to help with the presentations, including Doug Gilmour, Mark Messier, Stan Mikita, Sergei Fedorov and Brian Leetch, but the focus will be on the players up for awards.

Again this year, Alexander Ovechkin is expected to need a trailer to take home his prizes. Already assured of the Rocket Richard Trophy for leading the league with 56 goals, he is the favourite to repeat as the Hart Trophy winner and Pearson Award winner.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Bethpage offers challenge to U.S. Open field

GOLF Players Championship winner Henrik Stenson summed up the challenges facing the field at Bethpage Black in the U.S. Open starting today in three words.

"Hard. Long. Wet," the Swede said.

The terse assessment was corroborated and elaborated upon by many of the top players among the 156 starters.

"The difficulty of Bethpage is how long it is," said Geoff Ogilvy, the 2006 winner at Winged Foot.

At 7,426 yards off its back tees, the brawny public course at N.Y.'s Bethpage State Park is the longest layout used for a U.S. Open.

Persistent rain over the last six weeks has saturated the course and showers are forecast for the next four days on a track lengthened 200 yards since 2002, when Tiger Woods won the Open here. That makes for meagre roll on tee shots.

"The golf course is playing long," Woods said about his practice rounds. "They moved the tees back. I don't feel like I've gotten any shorter since 2002, but man, I'm just wearing out my long irons. REUTERS

TIM SHAFFER/REUTERS

Toronto starting pitcher Scott Richmond threw eight innings of of five-hit ball last night, giving up one run and striking out a career-high 11 batters as the Blue Jays beat the World Series champions Philadelphia Phillies 7-1 last night.

Phillies flummoxed by Blue Jays' Richmond

MLB RESULTS

Toronto 7 Philadelphia 1

BASEBALL North Vancouver native Scott Richmond performed admirably in place of Roy Halladay, baffling Philadelphia hitters over eight innings as Toronto extended the Phillies' home struggles with a 7-1 win at a soggy Citizens Bank Park.

Richmond (5-3) allowed a run on five hits, struck out a career-high 11 and retired the final 13 batters he faced.

Halladay was scheduled to start for Toronto and is expected to be placed on the 15-day disabled list today with a strained right groin. The Blue Jays ace sustained the injury in his last outing against Florida Friday.

Aaron Hill went 3-for-5, including a two-run homer, and finished with three RBI for the Blue Jays, who've won the first two installments of this three-game interleague series. Scott Rolen homered and singled in another run, while Marco Scutaro collected three hits and scored twice.

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Voyageurs Cup decided tonight

SOCCER Two years ago yesterday, Toronto FC scored its biggest victory in team history — a 4-0 thumping of FC Dallas at BMO Field.

A repeat is what's required tonight in Montreal as TFC closes out the Canadian Championship against the Impact.

A win by at least four goals gives TFC its first trophy, the Voyageurs Cup, and a place in the CONCACAF Champions League against the top teams in North America, Central America and the Caribbean.

Anything less and the other team in the six-game competition, the Vancouver Whitecaps, take it.

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Sports in brief

SOSA A congressional committee will look into former baseball slugger Sammy Sosa's denial that he used illegal performance-enhancing drugs in light of a report that he tested positive in 2003.

TENNIS Defending champion Rafael Nadal and top-ranked women's player Dinara Safina were seeded No. 1 for Wimbledon yesterday. Toronto's Daniel Nestor and partner Nenad Zimonjic are seeded second in the men's doubles. French Open champ Roger Federer is seeded No. 2 among the men.

GOLF It was announced yesterday that Actor Kevin Costner will take part in the inaugural Mike Weir Charity Classic, where he'll join a field that includes NHL stars Martin Brodeur and Rick Nash, two-time NBA most valuable player Steve Nash, rocker Tom Cochrane and comedian George Lopez.

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Father's Day GIFT GUIDE

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Gifts for the tech lover

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

Everyone knows dads love their gadgets, and with Father's Day just around the corner, the pressure is on to find the perfect gift.

These days more people are looking for ways to secure that "wow!" potential without breaking the bank — that's why this year, Metro is featuring both fancy and frugal picks to fit any budget.

CAMERAS

Canon PowerShot SD780 IS digital camera, $299

frugal

Sleek and sexy, Canon's newest Powershot is light and skinny yet powerful, with an optical stabilizer and 3x optical zoom lens attached to a 12.1 megapixel sensor. It also shoots HD movies and has an HDMI slot for easy playback output onto your HD TV. Pick it up and play with it in a store — you'll understand right away why it just feels "right" to the touch.

Canon Digital Rebel T1I digital SLR camera, $999

fancy

Canon's new face-melting SLR smashes the term "entry-level SLR" into meaninglessness with a 15.1 megapixel sensor, DIGIC 4 Image Processor, full HD video capture at up to 1920x1080 resolution, a large three-inch LCD with anti-reflective and scratch-resistant coatings. SLR cameras use much larger silicone sensors than smaller, point-and-shoot cameras, which is part of the reason why pictures taken with an SLR look so much clearer and more vibrant. With its HD video capabilities and outstanding photo quality, attached to an entry-level price under $1,000, Canon's T1I is a great buy for a dad who wants to graduate to a "real" camera.

TVS

Panasonic TC-P42G10 plasma television, $1,299

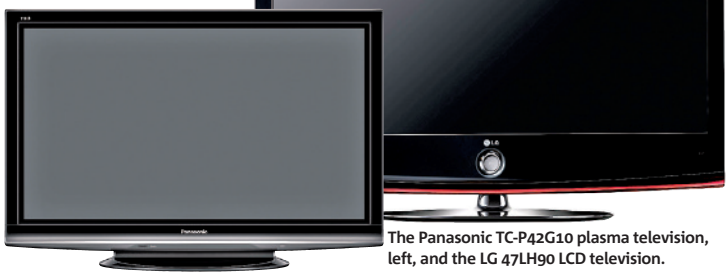
frugal

A plasma television that scored a big hit with reviewers, the 42-inch G10 is a great bargain as an HD TV that is full of features and has a surprisingly high level of quality for its price tag. True black colour reproduction and overall colour accuracy is very good and the TV uses less power than most other plasmas in its category.

LG 47LH90 LCD television, $2,899

fancy

An intelligent, luxurious HD 1080p TV for the discerning dad, LG's 47-inch LH90 has an LED backlit panel for increased clarity and colour detail. The TV's 240Hz TruMotion technology drastically eliminates on-screen motion blur when watching sports or gaming and an intelligent sensor inside the TV actually adjusts the picture to optimize it for the viewing conditions in the room. With a contrast ratio of 2 million to 1, expect dad's eyeballs to get dazzled for a good, long time.



The Panasonic TC-P42G10 plasma television, left, and the LG 47LH90 LCD television.

MOBILE PHONES

LG Rumor 2, $269 without a plan or $39.95 with a three-year plan from Bell

frugal

Despite all the hoopla about the newest Apple and Blackberry phones, LG's Rumor 2 sneaks in with a plethora of equivalent features for a very attractive price. Featuring a slick, sliding-faceplate design that sports a full QWERTY keyboard, the phone has Bluetooth Stereo, a 1.3 megapixel camera and built-in music player with up to 16 GB of expandable memory.

Apple iPhone 3G 32GB, $299 with a three-year contract

fancy

The shrewd marketers at Apple are releasing their newest iPhone juggernaut tomorrow — just in time for Father's Day — and it does appear to live up to the hype. Letting you shoot VGA video or just take pictures with its new 3 megapixel camera, the phone is also purportedly the fastest iPhone yet for web-surfing and email.

OTHER COOL STUFF

YUBZ Retro Mobile Handset, $44.95

frugal

A nifty throwback to the times when you only had to hold a receiver up to your face, the handset plugs directly into your mobile phone for old-school talking. Features a volume slider and one-touch answering, and it's purported to reduce radiation hitting your face as you talk by 95 per cent.

The YUBZ Retro Mobile Handset, right, and the Vuzix iWear AV310 Widescreen video eyewear are two out-of-the-box gifts you could give your dad on Sunday.

Vuzix iWear AV310 Widescreen video eyewear, $249

fancy

Featuring a 16:9 widescreen display that simulates a 52-inch screen, the Vuzix AV310 looks like something right out of Star Trek and is sure to be a distinctive gift for a dad who wants something none of his friends probably have yet. The glasses' adapter can plug right into an iPod or any other video device and lets you privately watch up to 11 hours of video on a single AA battery.

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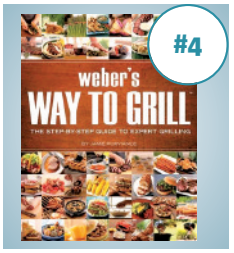

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#4 For the grillmaster

Visit: amazon.ca
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#5 What makes him tick

Visit: longines.com
Longines Master Collection Retrograde Watch, $5,600.

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Visit: hallmark.ca
Dad-mir-a-tion T-shirt, $19.95. Gramp-li-fy shirt also available.

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#8 For the DIY guy

Visit: canadiantire.ca
Stanley 149 Black Chrome Mechanics Tool Kit, $299 at Canadian Tire.

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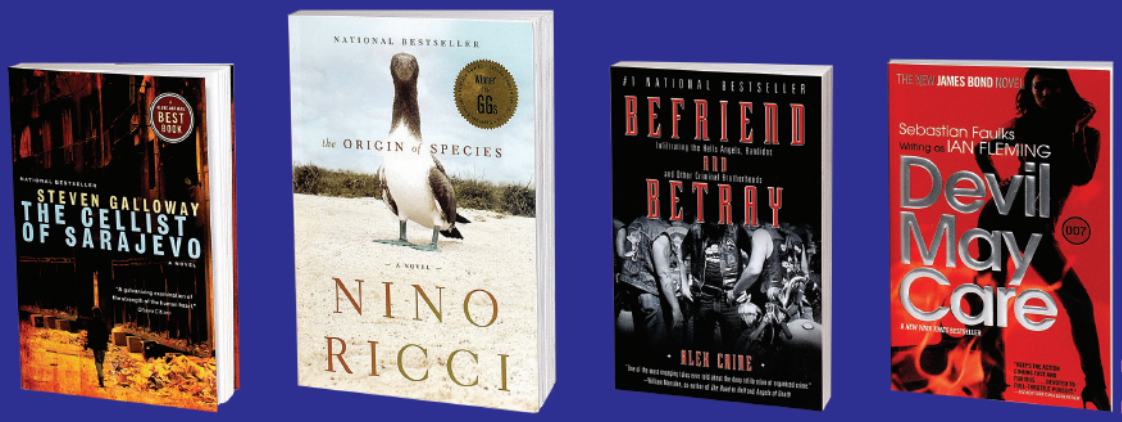

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4 hot items for the golf lover

1 Oakley Radar Sunglasses: Features three interchangeable lens shapes to control the amount of sun protection. Retails for $190 at Golf Town (golftown.com).

2 Ion Men's Glove: This advanced men's leather golf glove is designed to maximize performance. Available for $27.99 at Golf Town (golftown.com).

3 Men's XTT Comp Golf Shoes: Callaway's XTT Comp Golf Shoe is made from full-grain waterproof leather. Available for $149.99 at Golf Town and Nevada Bob's Golf.

4 FT Performance Stand Bag: This Callaway bag includes a stay-open ball pocket. Retails for $219.99 at Golf Town and Nevada Bob's Golf.

Help him get his groom on

JANINE FALCON
for Metro Canada

Here are some easy gifts for dad, whether he's a courtside, driveway-hoops or kick-back kind of guy.

To get his groom on

Kiehl's Close Shaver Rinseable Oil for a super-smooth shave and skin, $26; at Kiehl's boutiques, kiehls.com for locations.

Vichy Homme Hydra Mag Eye Stick fights dark circles and under-eye bags, 4 mL, $26; at select drugstores.

Gillette Father's Day Gift Set, featuring a Fusion Power Gamer five-blade razor, HydraGel Shave Gel, G3X Clear Gel Deodorant, Dry Skin Hydrator + Body Wash and Clean + Condition 2-in-1 shampoo, $24.99 (a $35-value); at drugstores.

C.O. Bigelow Mentha Hair Mint-Infused Shampoo for a wake-up tingle, 200 mL, $14.50; at bathandbodyworks.com.

Zirh Julius Caesar citrus Warrior Shower Gel, one of five shower gels inspired by ancient warriors, 350 mL, $27 each; go to zirh.com for retailers.

Matter All-Heal Salve for cuts, scrapes or seriously dry skin, an all-natural healing balm with a light, outdoorsy scent, 42 g, $18; matter-company.com for retailers.

Nautica Oceans 100-per cent biodegradeable, water-based cologne, 50 mL, $57; at drug and department stores.

Fragrance Sampler & Certificate gives Dad 10 scents to try plus a gift certificate for a full-sized bottle of his favourite, $70; at Shoppers Drug Mart.

To get his groove on

Gant rugger shirts, $98 each; at The Bay, or call 1-800-652-9839 for retailers.

Tommy Bahama linen shirt, $128; www.tommybahama.com for locations.

Quagmire Plaidwick golf shorts, $69; at Golf Town and Sporting Life.

Oakley Felon polished gold/dark grey shades, $210; oakley.ca.

Swatch Chrono Plastic watch with silicone strap, $135; swatch.com for retailers.

Roots Cargo Bag in rustler/pebble leather, $198; at Roots stores.

Philip Sparks Canvas Desert Boot, $130; log on to philipsparks.com for retailers.

Swatch Chrono Plastic watch, right, $135.

Clockwise from top left: Oakley Felon shades, $210; Gant rugger shirts, $98 each; Quagmire Plaidwick golf shorts, $69; Philip Sparks Canvas Desert Boot, $130; Roots Cargo Bag, $198; and Tommy Bahama linen shirt, $128.

How to choose the perfect card

In these tough economic times, a card may be the best way to tell dad you love him. But which one to choose? Before you go card shopping, ask yourself: What kind of dad is he?

For the gadget lover: He'll appreciate the latest — a sound card that features dual speakers and an interactive remote control to bring him a message.

For the comedian: Get him a card that reflects his specific type of humour.

For the big softie: If your dad has never been shy about telling you how much he loves you, reciprocate his feelings by choosing a card that expresses your feelings for him.

For the social advocate: Get a card that makes a difference, such as a Hallmark RED card — a portion of the sales goes to fight Aids in Africa.

For the movie buff: A card with a movie quote is your best bet. Something like, "I am your father" from Star Wars would be perfect.

For the sports fan: From fishing to golf, there's a card for most sports. There's even a music card that plays the theme from Monday Night Football.

For the music lover: Pick a card that plays a tune. These days, there are lots to choose from, Lynrd Skynrd and Johnny Cash.

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Style

Love, money, sex—what's next for you? Find out in the 2009 horoscope special, only in our July issue!

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LOVE NOTES

Send a message in black and white

This tangy citrus scent has become a classic. Calvin Klein CK One Eau de toilette Spray ($60 for 100ml)

A delicate vanilla floral that smells sweet and feminine. Guerlain Eau de Shalimar Eau de Toilette Spray ($100 for 75 ml)

Fresh white blossoms mixed with spice and white musks. Kenzoamour Eau de Toilette Florale Spray ($95 for 85 ml)

An elegant floral with a sexy hint of sandalwood and patchouli. Always Alfred Sung Eau de Parfum Spray ($88 for 100 mL)

A sparkling splash of citrus and spring flowers. Gap Close Eau de Parfum Spray ($28 for 50 ml)

This fragrance is a modern take on a traditional woody scent. Tom Ford Private Blend Italian Cypress Eau de Parfum Spray ($210 for 50 ml)

A sensual scent for romantic evenings. Jo Malone Dark Amber & Ginger Lily Cologne ($118 for 100 ml)

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WHAT'S NEW?

Remember when summer hair care meant spritzing it with lemon juice or Sun-In? Now that we're older and wiser, we need a smarter way to keep hair looking healthy and sun-kissed. Aveda's new botanical-rich Sun Care system includes a mask that repairs hair after sunning and swimming and a spray that blocks UV rays for up to 16 hours.

Aveda Sun Care Protective Hair Veil ($32)

Editors' Pick

GROUNDED

Juicy hues, luxe leather and refined design detailing combine for a sexy, stylish pop that's anything but flat. La Canadienne sandals ($145, La Canadienne.ca)

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Jimmy Choo to design collection for H&M

BUDGET STYLE The H&M is expanding it's hugely popular high/low collaborations into accessories. The Swedish chain has announced that Jimmy Choo will produce a collection of shoes, accessories and handbags for the affordable franchise.

The line will hit stores Nov. 14. "We adore Jimmy Choo's shoes and bags," H&M's Creative Designer Margareta van den Bosch said in a statement, adding, "I like the way we have worked with clothes to accessorize the shoes and bags rather than the other way around."

METRO WORLD NEWS

MMVAs reveal gift lounge lineup

SWAG When presenters, celebrity guests and performers including Lady Gaga, Black Eyed Peas, Classified, Rise Against, Kelly Clarkson and Alexisonfire — as well as co-host/performers the Jonas Brothers — descend upon the 2009 MMVAs Gift Lounge this weekend, they'll be checking out items from Bench Apparel, Cha Cha Handbags, Guess?, Kameleon Jewellery, Tenstate Jeans, Nautica, Moroccanoil and New Era Cap as well as Emilio Pucci and Karl Lagerfeld Eyewear distributed by Marchon, Inc.

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Yoga jeans equal super comfort

JANINE FALCON
For Metro Canada

TREND Yoga Jeans are not jeans to wear in yoga class.

Made from brushed cotton denim with three per cent elastane, they're super stretchy so they'd be far more comfortable for downward dog than you'd expect — and the waistband won't gape.

But with their deep, inky washes and flattering fit that make legs look miles long and lean, Yoga Jeans will work better with that hot top you bought to wear on Saturday night.

No sagging in the butt or knees!

Cut in mid- and low-rise skinny, straight, flare and boot-cut styles, as well as an ankle-length summer pant, Yoga Jeans (about $110) are the hottest pants in town. Made by Canadian company Second Clothing, they have a 92 per cent shape memory versus the industry standard of 64 per cent, which means zero sagging in the butt or knees.

That stretch factor also makes the skinny jeans more comfortable behind the knees (one happy customer demonstrated with deep-knee bends for her co-workers). The aforementioned waistband is another marvel: constructed of six individual pieces, it seriously won't gape when you bend or do the plow pose.

Yoga Jeans come in sizes 24 to 34 and with an inseam that can hit 33 in the larger sizes. They're available at Jean Machine, theshoppingchannel.com and at shopgirls.ca. (Shopgirls exclusively carries the new high-rise boot cut for the anti-muffin-top crew). The brand is set to hit the U.S. and Europe this fall.

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Home & Style

White's the new black

COLOUR **Elegant and airy, this regal ring-back beauty is a natural at the head of the dining table.** Urban Cottage Upholstered armchair in white pantina, $280, Home Furniture, Homefurniture.ca

Iconic oven

FRENCH **Le Creuset's iconic enamelled cast-iron French ovens are at the core of every chef's kitchen, but in a heavenly new highgloss white finish, they redefine oven-to-tableware as something supremely stylish.** From $250, Le creuset, lecreuset.ca.

–BRETT WALTHER
AND ANN MARIE FAVOT

Stunning Silhouettes

For picture perfect family photos, these fab frames are a quick way to jazz up any wall.
By Ann Marie Favot

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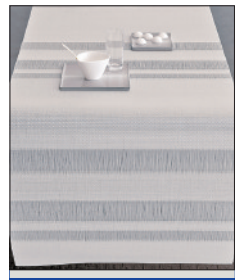
1: Decora wood 4" x 6" $14, Umbra Concept Store. 2: Laurel white on black jasper 41/2" $160, Waterford Wedgwood. 3: GlucksteinHome glass 4" x 6" $25, The Bay. 4: Steven & Chris Bamboo silver 5" x 7" $30, Canfloyd Trading. 5: Geometric mirror 4" x 6" $27, Teatro Verde. 6: Indigo Life enamelled 4" x 6" $14, Chapters and Indigo Books & Music. 7: Vera Wang Wedgwood Grosgrain silver-plated 4" x 6" $70, Waterford Wedgwood. 8: Thin Box wood 4" x 6" $16, West Elm. 9: Bliss resin 5" x 7" $19, Umbra Concept Store.



Home & Style

Table time

TABLE **Durable, stain resistant and easy to clean, Chilewich's woven vinyl is a pretty and practical alternative to stuffy starched linens.** 19"x57" Table Runner in white tuxedo stripe, $75, Chilewich, Chilewich.com

Lotus scent

CANDLE **Recharge your senses with celebrated scentster Jo Malone's new Lotus Blossom & Water Lily fragranced home candle. The sunny blend of mandarin, sacred lotus blossom, bamboo and aloeswood delivers the ambience of the exotic East at a mere fraction of the price of airfare.** $74, Holt Renfrew, Holtrenfrew.com, Jomalone.com.

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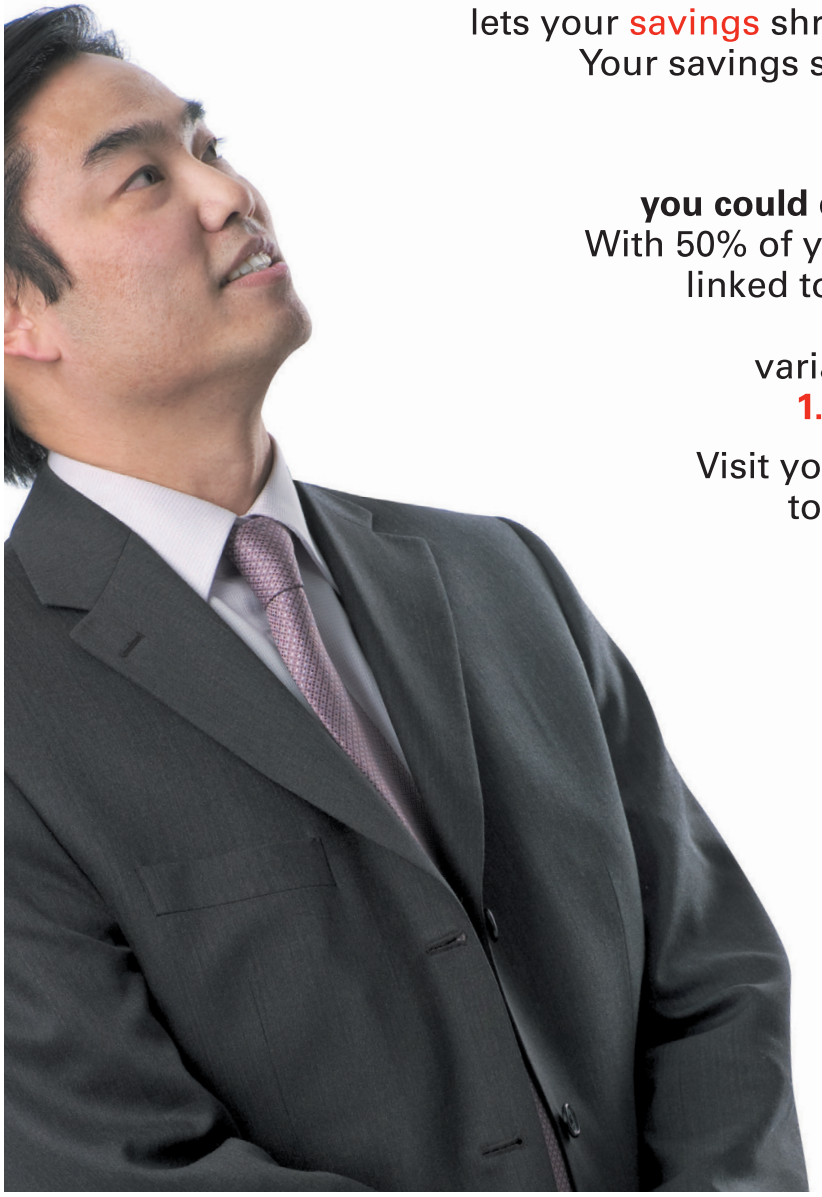

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'Unique and beautiful'

Suite Talk

Affordability is the theme of a new Surrey development.

Fuse, located in the Upper University District, has flats starting at $120,000 and townhouses starting at $240,000.

All are under $300,000.

Greg King, sales manager, described the development as "unique, spectacular and beautiful."

The architecture is white-on-grey, which helps create a sense of quietude despite the vibrant area.

Shopping, eateries, schools, parks and the SkyTrain are all nearby.

Inside the display home, Fuse is all about contemporary and urban savvy.

There's a cosmopolitan white fireplace in the living room and full-height pantry in the kitchen, stainless steel appliances, as well as below-counter storage space — including a pot drawer.

The counter is a rich granite with eating bar, while the cabinets are dark brown below and high gloss white above.

Upstairs, there's a master suite with its own balcony plus a second bedroom, which could be used as a home office.

A bicycle room, storage lockers and underground parking are also included.

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Seen here are some shots of the Fuse development in Surrey's Upper University District.

More info

- The property is fully landscaped.
- It also includes a bicycle room, storage lockers and underground parking.
- Fuse's presentation centre is at 27-13239 Old Yale Road in Surrey.
- For more information, visit liveatfuse.ca or call 604-583-3744.

It's veggies time to shine

HomeScape

If seed sales are any indication, vegetable gardens are definitely on the rise. Research has shown that vegetable seed sales last year outshone the sales of flower seeds across North America for the first time, says Denis Flanagan, of Landscape Ontario, the provincial horticultural trades association.

And the research also shows a new demographic — young, urban hipsters are getting into vegetable gardening in a big way, not just mature folks from the old country any more.

I have to admit that my first thought was that there's going to be a few surprises come harvest time, especially for those vegetable growing nubies.

I say this because I am the child of immigrants. Like many others transplanted from "away", they had a huge, well-tended garden that would unfailingly produce a bountiful harvest, thanks to devoted ministrations of my father. My brothers and I were forced to shell endless peas, snip the ends off mountains of homegrown beans, and help with the annual ritual of beet pickling.

It's seems now, younger people are getting into gardening could only spread the goodness around.

There are plenty of reasons for the newfound interest, says Flanagan. More people are growing vegetables because they are trying to eat local rather than buying goods flown or trucked in from faraway California or other distant places.

In urban centres, gardening often means squeezing in a small vegetable patch in a postage-stamp-sized backyard, or participating in an allotment garden. Another variation for condo owners or apartment dwellers is a container garden on the balcony. The important message is that is can be done.

For beginners, choosing a few of your favourite vegetables is the way to go. Gardening is work, no lie. So don't overextend yourself, or you'll get discouraged. To maximize vertical space, plant climbing species such as peas or beans along walls or fences.

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Promoting pork
Canadian pork producers are reaching out to consumers with a new website that supports the efforts of producers across the country who are committed to meeting stringent food safety standards. Porkfits.com is currently featuring a boneless pork loin chop recipe in honour of Father's Day. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Food

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Still Hardy

I got to chat with Bill Hardy last week during his cross-country tour in support of the Australian wines that bear his family name.

A true living legend; the fifth generation winemaker turned brand ambassador has become almost as iconic in Aussie wine circles as his great great grandfather Thomas Hardy.

With competition from exotic upstarts like Argentina and an economy that has consumers buying below their preferred palate level; Down Under is feeling the heat.

Mr. Hardy's strategy to slow the Aussie exodus is to play his family history card: One that illustrates how years of making consistent wines from many different price points always gives the customer an option called Hardy.

I enter the **Nottage Hill** line as evidence. The **2006 Shiraz ($13.45 - $ 14.99)** is balanced right down the middle with soft red fruit and a light spine of pepper that makes for a perfect everyday wine as well as a barbecue buddy for grilled meats.

The **Stamp Series** may be even better known. The **2008 Riesling Gewurztraminer ($9.95 - $11.99)** is a unique citrusy mix of sweet green fruit and spice that's a refreshing match with salads, fruit, soft cheeses and, yes, Chinese food.

Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.

Peter Rockwell is the everyman's wine writer, working in the liquor industry for more than 25 years and travelling the globe looking for something to fill his glass and put into words.

Just winging it for dad

À la carte

Barb Holland

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All you need for Father's Day

Almost every guy loves wings, a great companion for a cold beer. Try this meal for Father's Day — it's easy, with a bit of planning.

What dad doesn't like wings? And they go especially well with beer.

These recipes are from Gathering Around the Grill: Inspirational Menus and Grilling Ideas for Family and Friends by Andrea Witzel & Kris Schumacher (published by Broil King). This cookbook offers 21 menus for occasions throughout the year, lots of tips, grilling information and, of course, recipes.

Grilled Chicken Wings with Roquefort Dip and Veggies

If time permits, marinate wings up to one day ahead in the refrigerator. If you enjoy a Buffalo-style wing, toss wings in hot sauce after grilling or serve with the sauce as a dip. Makes four servings.

INGREDIENTS:
- 3 lbs (1.5 kg) chicken wings

Marinade:
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) vegetable oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tsp (5 ml) each: Chili powder, dried oregano leaves and kosher salt
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) cayenne (or more to taste)
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) red wine vinegar

METHOD:
Cut off and discard wing tips, then cut each wing at the joint to make two pieces. In large bowl, whisk together vegetable oil, garlic, chili powder, oregano, salt, cayenne and vinegar. Add wings and toss to coat.

When ready to cook, drain wings and discard marinade. Lightly brush grill on one side of barbecue with oil. Preheat barbecue on high, then reduce heat to medium and cook wings, turning to set grill marks, about 15 minutes. Move wings up to upper rack and continue cooking 15 to 20 minutes or until cooked through and tender.

Roquefort Dip and Veggies

If time permits make up to one day ahead, cover and refrigerate until serving time. If this is too strong a flavour for kids, try a Caesar salad dressing as a dip. Makes about 2/3 cup (150 ml) dip.

INGREDIENTS:
- 1 /2 cup (125 ml) mayonnaise
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) grated onion
- 1 tsp chopped fresh thyme
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) red wine vinegar
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) crumbled Roquefort or other blue cheese, crumbled
- Cut vegetables: Carrots, celery and red, yellow and orange pepper strips

METHOD:
Stir together dip ingredients, mayonnaise, garlic, onion, thyme, vinegar and cheese.

Grilled Potato Wedges:

- Scrub 4 medium potatoes. Cut into wedges and toss with 2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil and pinch each salt and pepper. Place in grill basket over medium-high to medium heat and grill, turning or shaking pan often until golden brown and tender, about 30 minutes.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

The real burger king

A filling of tangy Canadian Feta cheese adds a burst of flavour to the humble burger, while fresh creamy yogurt tzatziki balances the saltiness of feta, olives and sun-dried tomatoes. Serve with grilled buttered corn on the cob and a green bean salad for the perfect summer feast.

Mediterranean Style Burgers with Canadian Feta and Radish and Cucumber Tzatziki

This recipe comes courtesy of the Dairy Farmers of Canada. You can access many more recipes online at dairygoodness.ca. This recipe makes four burgers and 1-½ cups (375 ml) Radish and Cucumber Tzatziki.

INGREDIENTS:
- 1 cup (250 ml) yogurt cheese (see cooking tip)
- ½ cup (125 ml), shredded English cucumber, well drained
- ½ cup (125 ml) shredded radish
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil
- ½ tsp (2 ml) each, salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 lb (500 g) lean ground beef
- ½ cup (125 ml) dried breadcrumbs
- ½ cup (125 ml) finely chopped sun-dried tomatoes
- ¼ cup (50 ml) finely chopped Kalamata olives
- 1 egg
- ½ cup crumbled Canadian Feta cheese (about 2 oz/60 g)
- 4 small whole wheat pitas or thin style hamburger buns
- ½ cup (125 ml) chopped tomatoes
- 4 lettuce leaves

METHOD:
Radish and Cucumber Tzatziki:
In small bowl, combine yogurt cheese, cucumber, radish, garlic, olive oil, salt, pepper and garlic; refrigerate (can be prepared up to two days ahead.)

Burgers:
In large bowl, gently combine beef, bread crumbs, sun-dried tomatoes, olives, and egg. Shape ½ of the beef mixture into four square-shaped patties; make an indentation in the centre of each square; fill each indentation with approximately 2 tbsp (30 ml) crumbled Canadian Feta cheese. Make 4 squares with remaining beef mixture; press one square on top of each Feta filled patty; press to seal in the Canadian Feta cheese filling.

Preheat barbecue to medium-high. Place burgers on greased grill; close lid and grill, turning once, for about 5 to 6 min per side or until digital thermometer inserted sideways into centre reads 160° F (71° C).

Place patties into pita bread pockets; top with Radish and Cucumber Tzatziki, chopped tomato and lettuce.

Cooking Tips:
- For yogurt cheese, spoon 2 cups (500 ml) 3% plain yogurt into a paper towel — or fine cheesecloth-lined sieve and set over a bowl. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour (the longer it stands, the thicker it becomes.) Discard the liquid (whey) in the bowl.
- Use additional Tzatziki as a dip or as a spread for sandwiches.

Great any time, you can also test out these burgers on dad.

On the web

Global Peasant blog:
- Travel along with Diane Thompson's culinary adventures in her Vancouver-based Global Peasant blog. Visit metronews.ca/globalpeasant for her Beef Carpaccio with Dijon Caper Sauce recipe — her latest instalment in the 100 Day Raw Food Challenge. Meat lovers: Dare to try?

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Dinner & drinks for 2: $80

For a place that just opened a month ago, I was pleasantly surprised at the well-planned menu. Then again, Latitude is the second child of former Raincoast Café owners, Larry Nicolay and Lisa Henderson. Henderson is the executive chef and Nicolay runs the front.

We walked in to a mainly empty room on a sunny afternoon, and proceeded to wait almost 15 minutes for someone to bring us water and ask about our drinks. The appetizers took a solid 20 minutes before materializing, with nary a word of apology for the delay. I was forced to wonder ... if this is the speed of service when there are only two other tables occupied, what happens when the place is full?

Some dishes were more interesting than others. Scallops on masa pancakes ($12) with fresh guacamole were perfectly cooked, and the chive oil was an excellent touch. Shrimp soccas ($11) — also known as crepes — were interesting, but lacked a definition. Duck breast in a chocolate-orange pan sauce ($20) was the most expensive entrée, as well as the sweetest. The sauce was almost a dessert, and was on the sickly side of sweet.

It's a menu of hits and almost-misses, and, hopefully, a few months in the trenches will polish both the presentation and the service.

On the web

- Read the full article online at metronews.ca/vancouver/columnist/40411.
- Chew more on Anya's blog at metronews.ca/vancouver/blog/136310.

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Shrimp soccas with guacamole and steamed greens.

Fraser Valley Wines Celebrate Spring

With all the talk about the South Okanagan, Osoyoos and Oliver, it's natural we forget wineries that are right under our noses and in our own backyards. Domaine de Chaberton Estate Winery is one such wallflower that just needs a tinge of appreciation to bloom. One to try: Canoe North Bluff Pink, a delicate B.C. Zinfandel with flavours of strawberry, raspberry and pomegranate. $14.99 from private wine stores and direct from the winery.

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Dining out

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In brief

BARBARA-JO'S Books to Cooks has raised $12,000 for UBC Farm after a farm visit from Michael Pollan, author of In Defense of Food. Here's hoping those developers start looking elsewhere.

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Resurrecting the Bride of Frankenstein
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Entertainment

Top bachelor
Gossip Girl star Chace Crawford tops People magazine's list of the hottest bachelors of 2009. The complete list hits newsstands tomorrow.
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Jonas Brothers strike again

Boy band delivers second album in less than a year

Lines, Vines and Trying Times is the fourth studio album from teen heartthrobs the Jonas Brothers.

Jonas **Brothers**

Album: Lines, Vines and Trying Times
Label: Hollywood/Universal
Rating: ●●●

BOY BANDS HAVE to strike fast and often. The window's small, after all. One day you wake up to find your fanbase has left adolescence. So we have a new Jonas Brothers CD, just 10 months after the boys delivered their last. And golly gee, it's just in time for Nick, Joe and Kevin's new TV show (didn't the Monkees have a fire-pole, too?) The odd thing about this album is how different it sounds from the last — not necessarily more mature, just different. Definitely a step up from the pseudo-punk sound of A Little Bit Longer, the new CD takes a poppier turn, flirting with classic R&B and even venturing into country. Songs like Hey Baby, Much Better and Keep It Real (from the TV show) are more than admirable. There are some laughers, though, especially the ridiculous pairing with Common on Don't Charge Me for the Crime, a possible career killer for the hip-hop star.

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Spinnerette

Album: Spinnerette
Label: Anthem/Universal
Rating: ●●●

BRODY DALLE HIT it big with her snarling hardcore punk band the Distillers, not to mention her marriage to Queens of the Stone Age frontman Josh Homme, so all eyes are on her new project, Spinnerette. The band's debut doesn't resemble her past — the record is a straight up pop album, albeit with some aggressive guitars and brash vocals. It's in the same vein as Queens, though more polished and radio-friendly. That's not saying it's bad; there are a number of infectious tunes, but it would have been nice to see Dalle keep pushing her musical boundaries.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Mos **Def**

Album: The Ecstatic
Label: Downtown/Fontanta North **Rating:** ●●●

DESPITE WHAT MOST people think, Mos Def isn't a great rapper. Or at least he hasn't been since 1999, when he released the spectacular Black on Both Sides. However, The Ecstatic proves that it's not that he doesn't have the talent, it's just been hiding for the past decade. He misses the mark on a couple tracks — like on Pretty Danger — but otherwise it looks like Mos Def is, finally, back.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Holly **Williams**

Album: Here With Me
Label: Mercury/Universal
Rating: ●●●½

THE GRANDDAUGHTER of Hank Williams proves the strength of the bloodline on her second solo CD, successfully keeping one boot in alt-country while carefully testing more mainstream waters with the other. Holly has a strong but unremarkable voice. The strength of this album lies in the songs. The pleading chorus of Let Her Go lifts an otherwise standard father-daughter quick-step into a powerful track. Gone With the Morning Sun demonstrates commercial potential, while Alone offers Holly at her vulnerable best and the acoustic centrepiece, Three Days In Bed (With a Stranger), shows a woman in control.

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Dinosaur **Jr.**

Album: The Ecstatic
Label: Jagjaguwar/Sonic Unyon
Rating: ●●●●

MOST DINOSAUR JR. fans were shocked when the legendary indie act reunited in 2005, but perhaps they should be more surprised that the trio has released two fantastic albums since. Their latest is another incredibly focused effort that's filled with the same fuzzy distortion and brooding melodies that made them popular so many years ago.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

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The **Proclaimers**

Album: Notes & Rhymes
Label: Universal
Rating: ●●½

THE PROCLAIMERS scored a monster hit in the early '90s with I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles). Over the past eight years they've maintained a loyal fanbase with a succession of consistently well-crafted albums showcasing their love of rockabilly, blue-eyed soul, classic R&B and soapy melodrama. These Scottish twins tend to lay it on heavy and it can be unsettling, especially when they're crooning traditional country songs. They are best when trying to pull off soaring Righteous Brothers harmonies, but they're attempts at enlightened social commentary are too often clumsy and heavy handed.

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China, Taiwan eye each other through film

MOVIES The Chinese comedy If You Are the One has earned $50 million US at the box office so far, the second highest grossing in China's film history, but it's showing for free this week in ethnically Chinese Taiwan.

Taiwan and China have been separated for decades over political friction but as relations improve under Taiwan's Beijing-friendly President Ma Ying-jeou, each side is suddenly scoping out the other's films this summer to learn a bit more. "Some China films show modern life while some are shot way out in the countryside, so lots of angles and the Taiwan audience can get to know China better," said Ma Kuo-chun, project manager with the private Chinese Cross-Strait Film Association in Taipei. "But there's still no formal platform for showing films."

The association, backed by Taiwan government money, will test reactions by holding its first annual China film festival this week, offering seven movies and the chance to see three Chinese directors for about 4,000 people. Tickets are free.

"I would welcome this chance as we get closer politically," said Chang Tung-yuan, a film student at Shih Hsin University in Taiwan. "At least our films are in the same language."

The festival headliner If You Are the One, from director Feng Xiaogang, reveals quirks in China's social modernization, a trend lost on many in Taiwan, by following a middle-aged man seeking love but too picky to tolerate even a hint of incompatibility.

Chinese directors made 406 films in 2008, setting a record, with urban box office revenues worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

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Spielberg working on alien series

Steven Spielberg is pursuing Noah Wyle to headline his untitled alien-invasion pilot for TNT. The potential series takes place six months after evil extra terrestrials decimate mankind. EW.COM

Family comes first

Penn drops films to spend time at home

Sean Penn is taking his Oscar and going home.

The Milk star has dropped out of two high-profile films: The Three Stooges and the crime thriller Cartel, taking an extended leave from Hollywood so that he can focus on family matters. Sources have said the absence could last up to a year.

In May, Penn filed for a request to dismiss his legal separation case from wife Robin Wright Penn. It is the second time he has rescinded divorce proceedings.

The dilemma for The Stooges is potentially more serious. Writer/directors Peter and Bobby Farrelly have spent the better part of a decade trying to get the MGM film off the ground, and in March they pulled off a major casting coup: Penn as Larry, with Jim Carrey as Curly and Benicio del Toro as Moe.

Now they need to decide whether they will wait for Penn or seek to find a new actor.

GETTY IMAGES

Sean Penn has dropped out of two high-profile films — The Three Stooges and Cartel — to spend more time with family.

Universal and producer Imagine Entertainment, meanwhile, plan to move ahead on Cartel without Penn and will recast the part. The script, which is still being worked on, follows a man who journeys to protect his son after his wife is murdered by Mexican drug cartels. Asger Leth is directing. The movie had no start date or release date.

Penn has two movies in the can, Terrence Malick's The Tree of Life and Doug Liman's adaptation of Valerie Plame's political memoir, Fair Game.

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Head's role fit for a king

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Best known as stuffy mentor Rupert Giles on Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Anthony Head is returning to TV screens in Merlin, a BBC import that puts a new spin on a classic British tale.

Head takes on the role of Uther, ruthless king and father of the impetuous Prince Arthur. Between the crown and tunic and the bloodthirsty brutishness, it's about as far from Buffy's cultured occult expert Giles as you could get. And that's just how Head likes it.

"I'm lucky to be in an industry that I can do anything," he says, easing back in his chair in the dining room of a Pasadena, Calif., hotel.

"I've worked quite hard at not being pigeonholed, not being limited by a role that I've done. I've turned down an awful lot of Giles-similar roles. Like professors and librarians, an awful lot of that."

Best known as stuffy mentor Rupert Giles on Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Anthony Head is returning to TV screens in Merlin.

Merlin airs this Sunday on CTV.

In the meantime, he's popped up in a number of British TV series, going for laughs in Little Britain and My Family, and devouring children on Doctor Who. He was even rumoured to be one of the top choices to play the new Doctor on the long-running series, something he shrugs off.

"There have always been bets that I might be the new Doctor," he says.

Head prefers audiences get a chance to see his range. "I've done quite a few different things," he explains. To that end, he's glad that Merlin is making the jump across the pond. But he confides that the series — a kind of Smallville version of the King Arthur legend focusing on young Arthur and the wizard as teenage pals — almost didn't make it because producers couldn't find one key element.

"They nearly cancelled it because they couldn't find Camelot," he says. "They combed Europe, but they couldn't find anything that ticked all the boxes."

But producers discovered Chateau de Pierrefonds in northern France just in time. Restored by Napoleon III in the 1850s, the castle has held up better than its medieval predecessors.

"It's almost new," Head jokes. "Though it's got a few bits chipped out of it from where the Germans shot at it in the Second World War."

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	296	654	64 SBK	Frasier (CC)	Frasier (CC)	Punk'd (CC)	South Park	Cheers (CC)	Half & Half	Paid Program	Family Court	Paid Program
	298	653	65 TLA	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Smallville "Odyssey" (CC)		Supernatural "Monster Movie"		KTLA Prime News (CC)		Friends (CC)
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	557	541	51 FAM	Wizards-Place	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	Latest Buzz	Wizards-Place	Life Derek	Ned's School	Cory in House	Zack & Cody
	553	546	53 TRE	Comfy Couch	Zigby Hiccups.	Max & Ruby	Babar (CC)	Backyard	Ni Hao	Go, Diego, Go!	Franklin	Comfy Couch
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	520	505	42 DIS	MythBusters (CC)		Daily Planet (CC)		Mystery of the Crystal Skulls (CC)				MythBusters
	522	506	44 HIS	NCIS "Probie" (CC)		Ancient Discoveries "Robots"		Metropolis "Paris" (CC)		NCIS "Probie" (CC)		Sea Hunters
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	626	547	57 COM	Air Farce	Just for Laughs (CC)		Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	Comedy Now Kevin Foxx.		Daily Show
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	581	566	101 MTV	Canada's Next Top Model		MTV Live	After	Living	Sweet 16	Canada's Next Top Model		MTV Live
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critics' corner

The Office

Michael (Steve Carell) is thrilled when boss David Wallace (Andy Buckley) sends him on an "international" business trip — to Canada, where he has a fling with a beautiful concierge (guest star Wendi McLendon-Covey, "Reno 911!"). Oscar and Andy (Oscar Nunez, Ed Helms) become friends over drinks when Michael decides to bring them on the trip. Jim (John Krasinski) counts the days until Pam (Jenna Fischer) returns from art school in "Business Trip." 9 PM on NBC GTV

Grendel

The villain gets top billing in this 2007 retelling of a tale you probably read in your high-school British lit class. Chris Bruno ("The Dead Zone") plays monster-slaying warrior Beowulf, whose exploits are chronicled in the epic poem that bears his name. Ben Cross ("Chariots of Fire") plays King Hrothgar, who enlists Beowulf to take down the vicious monster Grendel. Marina Sirtis ("Star Trek: The Next Generation") also stars. 6 PM on SPC

More actors join Red Dawn remake

FILM Josh Peck and Adrianne Palicki have been cast in the remake of 1984's Red Dawn, set to begin filming in September. They join the already cast Chris Hemsworth in the story of a group of teenagers who form an insurgency after their town is invaded by Chinese and Russian soldiers.

From Battlestar to Heroes

ROLE Battlestar Galactica alumnus Rick Worthy is joining the cast of another sci-fi drama. Worthy is in negotiations for a recurring role on NBC's Heroes next season, playing the new partner of Matt Parkman (Greg Grunberg). REUTERS

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ORIGINAL RECIPE CHICKEN

Boyle boosts U.S. auditions
America's Got Talent judge Piers Morgan promised that the new season of the NBC show will both honour — and reflect — the Susan Boyle phenomenon. "Thousands more people auditioned in America," because of Boyle. EW.COM

Joyce novel comes alive on Twitter

Twitter, the social networking site favored by some celebrities, has gone highbrow with a performance from James Joyce's 1922 novel Ulysses.

Two Ulysses enthusiasts, videogame designer Ian Bogost from the Georgia Institute of Technology and colleague Ian McCarthy, wanted to use the site in a culturally interesting way rather than just as a service that lets users send 140-character messages, known as tweets.

They came up with idea of re-creating a chapter from Ulysses on Twitter.

They chose chapter 10, Wandering Rock, which is famous for showing the interlocking events of 19 characters walking through central Dublin on their daily business.

Bogost and McCarthy registered 54 of the novel's characters as Twitter users and adapted the chapter in a large series of 140-character-or-less first-person statements, using a specially created software to automate a performance.

"As for long-term literary uses of Twitter, it's certainly a viable and interesting option."
Ulysses enthusiast Ian Bogost

On June 16, or Bloomsday, the day the action in the novel takes place in 1904, these characters all sent tweets about what they were doing at the correct fictional times.

Bogost said the performance went smoothly, although a few technical hiccups meant some characters were unable to take part.

"I think the project sheds a new light on Twitter by intermixing usual fare with these century-old characters," said Bogost on his blog, www.bogost.com.

"As for long-term literary uses of Twitter, it's certainly a viable and interesting option." REUTERS

Gays wary of Brüno

Activists say film could reinforce negative stereotypes

U.S. gay activists are worried that comedian Sacha Baron Cohen's new film, Brüno, could reinforce negative stereotypes about homosexuals just as they are making gains in the fight for rights such as same-sex marriage.

Cohen, who scored a surprise hit in 2006 with Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan, portrays a flamboyant gay Austrian fashion reporter in the new film that premiered yesterday in London and opens in North America on July 10.

The studio releasing Brüno says the film's intent is to satirize homophobia, but some gay advocates are wary.

"We do feel the intentions of the filmmakers are in the right place — satire of this form can unmask homophobia — but at the same time it can heighten people's discomfort with our community," said Rashad Robinson, senior director of media programs for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

With that in mind, GLAAD asked in vain for Universal Pictures, the studio behind Brüno, to add a message from Cohen addressing the importance of gay rights and tolerance.

Universal says in a statement it believes most moviegoers will understand the film's "positive intentions. Brüno uses provocative comedy to powerfully shed light on the absurdity of many kinds of intolerance and ignorance, including homophobia," the studio said.

The movie comes out as U.S. same-sex couples have won the right to wed in six states amid a fierce debate on gay marriage that has seen California voters approve a ban on such marriages.

Cohen has a huge fan base. Men and women flocked to Borat, a fake documentary about a Kazakh journalist traveling across the United States that used comedy to expose bigotry. It earned $128 million at U.S. and Canadian box offices and $133 million in other countries.

Like its predecessor, Brüno is a mock documentary that covers the fashion reporter after he loses his job in Austria and goes to America looking to become a celebrity. Brüno wears mesh shirts, talks with a lisp and has a penchant for dropping his pants. REUTERS

GETTY IMAGES

Comedian Sacha Baron Cohen arrives as his latest silver screen avatar for the Paris premiere of Brüno.

Brüno hits theatres July 10

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Tragedy strikes Farrow family again

Mia Farrow's older brother has been found dead in his Vermont home, the second tragedy in recent months for the actress, whose daughter died in December. Patrick Farrow, 66, a sculptor, was found late Monday by police, people.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Rob loses top hunk status

RATINGS Robert Pattinson has lost his crown as Hollywood hottest hunk — real royal Prince Harry has beaten him in a poll to find Britain's most eligible bachelor, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The red-haired royal topped the list by Company magazine to find the U.K.'s most lusted after unmarried men. And Twilight actor Pattinson didn't even land second place — he was beaten into third by British TV host George Lamb.

Comic actor Noel Fielding takes fourth place, while Cameron Diaz's exboyfriend and model Paul Sculfor rounded out the top five. Gossip Girl star Ed Westwick and Madonna's former husband Guy Ritchie came sixth and seventh respectively.

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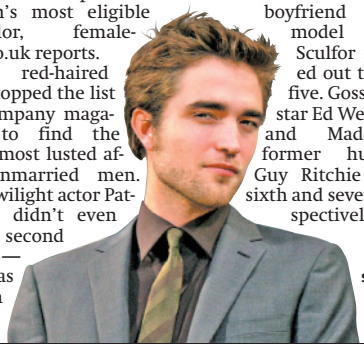

LiLo-SamRo saga continues

HOT/COLD Lindsay Lohan has split from Samantha Ronson — again, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress — who reunited with her DJ lover earlier this month after a high-profile breakup — was reportedly dumped by text message after the pair had a blazing row about Ronson's friend Nicole Richie on Monday night.

A source told website E! Online: "Nicole refuses even to be in the same room as Lindsay and Lindsay was furious when Sam was invited to a party Nicole held for a mutual friend and she wasn't.

"Sam went to the party and it really upset Lindsay."

At the bash, Ronson enjoyed a meal with pregnant Richie and reportedly sent a message to Lohan telling her their relationship was over and to stop contacting her.

Earlier this month, Lohan was spotted wearing an engagement ring, sparking rumours the pair were committed to one another.

At the time, friends of the couple — who have dated on and off for two years — revealed Lohan was trying hard to keep Ronson happy.

One pal said: "They haven't started fighting yet, but they are back together as far as Lindsay is concerned. Lindsay has been doing so much better and has been giving Samantha her space. She is really dedicated to making it work."

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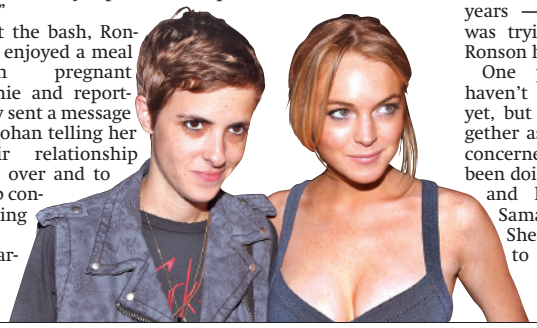

Addiction is killing Amy: Parents

PLEA Amy Winehouse's alcohol addiction is "killing" her parents, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Mitch and Janis Winehouse are desperate to "rescue" their 25-year-old daughter, who they claim is in "denial" about her substance abuse problem. In an interview with ITV News due to screen in the U.K. last night, Mitch said: "I need my daughter to be a whole person again.

"I tried it all — I said, 'Amy you've got to do this, you've got to go to this doctor, you've got to do this, you've got to do that, you're killing me, you're killing your mum.' None of it worked."

Janis added: "The need to rescue her is enormous. I just want her to be OK and I would do whatever it took to make that right."

Mitch goes on to blame the singer's estranged husband Blake Fielder-Civil for all her problems.

He explained: "The option of them being together is too horrible to contemplate. They are going to get divorced and who knows what's going to happen down the line."

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Jessica off the hook

SAVED BY CELEBRITY? Jessica Alba won't face any criminal charges for plastering posters throughout Oklahoma City to raise awareness of the endangered great white shark, tvguide.com reports.

"The decision has been made to close the case," police Sgt. Gary Knight said in a statement. "The case will not be presented to the district attorney's office."

Alba's act was a part of a campaign for White Mike, an L.A.-based group that aims to spread awareness of the great white shark species' decreasing population, according to E! News.

The 28-year-old actress could have faced a felony vandalism charge and possible jail time, but the property owners declined to press charges, E! reports.

Alba released an apology for her actions last week after photos surfaced of her plastering posters onto a downtown bridge, utility boxes and a billboard for the United Way charity.

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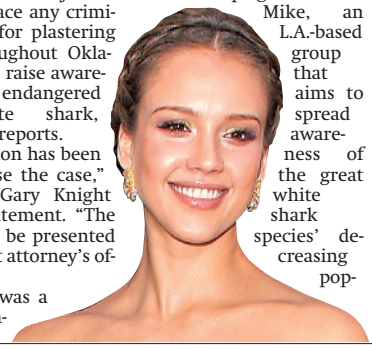

Becks shrinks boobs

CHANGING HER MIND Victoria Beckham has allegedly gone in for another breast augmentation surgery — her third, according to sources — only this time it was for a reduction.

"Victoria has wanted her implants taken out for a while. She felt that was part of her old image — the big hair, big boobs, fake tan — and that she has moved on since those days," a source told the Sun. "She had the operation three weeks ago and is very pleased with the results."

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Not a gay swinger: Jada

RUMOUR MILL Jada Pinkett Smith isn't bothered by the rumours that have been swirling for years about her 11-year marriage to Will Smith.

"I've heard all the things — their marriage is not real, he's gay, she's gay, they swing. But at the end of the day, people have to believe what they have to believe," she tells radio station Q100 in Atlanta.

"I'll tell you what, it's too hard to be in a pretend marriage. Life's too short for that one."

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The Hills made me bulimic

BODY IMAGE The Hill star Stephanie Pratt confesses that seeing herself onscreen in the hit MTV reality series drove her to bulimia.

"I was horrified," she told Us Weekly. "I remember saying, 'I can't believe how huge I look walking over to Lauren (Conrad).'" But Pratt is quick to absolve the folks behind the show. "The producers never put pressure on us to lose weight," she added.

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Single Guy lets loose

FREEDOM While his ex-wife, Madonna, is busy welcoming a newly adopted child into her home, Guy Ritchie is living it up and enjoying the single life.

He recently hosted some friends at his London pub the Punchbowl, including Dijana Jenkins, the wife of a British bank executive.

"They looked like they were having a great time together," a source told the Daily Mail.

"You could hear them singing from out in the street. Guy had certainly had a few drinks and looked very relaxed when he finally emerged."

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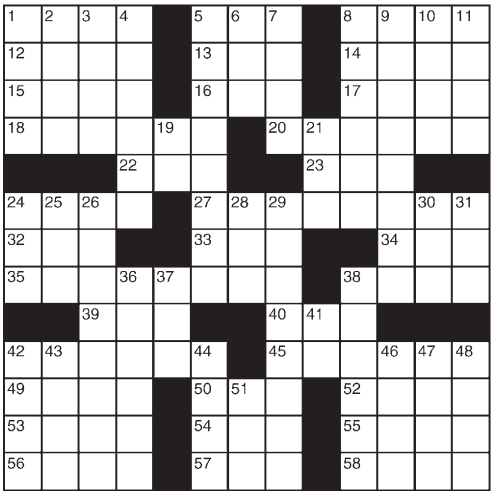

Crossword across

1 Elevator man
5 Playground game
8 Uncertain
12 Rid of rind
13 Inseparable
14 Exposed
15 Egress
16 Atmosphere
17 Pedestal occupant
18 Drop from the will
20 Computer-to-phone links
22 Nourished
23 Nov. follower
24 Musical phrase
27 Pollution filter of a sort
32 Greek H
33 Vitamin stat
34 Fish eggs
35 MySpace rival
38 Without acting
39 Mess up
40 Type measures
42 Prophet whose donkey scolded him
45 Awkwardly stiff
49 Cowheaded goddess
50 Lawyers' org.
52 Nibble
53 Biography
54 Solidify
55 Faris of Scary Movie
56 Back muscles, briefly
57 Squid squirt
58 Authentic

Crossword down

1 Newspaper page
2 Cab
3 Camera part
4 Ignite
5 Bidirectional
6 Blackbird
7 Bacterium
8 In the same place (Lat.)
9 Jack, e.g.
10 Gift-tag word
11 Longings
19 Lindbergh book
21 Praise in verse
24 Ump
25 Call — day
26 Nip/Tuck offering
28 Commotion
29 One-sided contest
30 Fa-la connector
31 Crucial
36 Obliterates
37 Support provider
38 Weather-map line
41 Criminal's procedure (Abbr.)
42 Check
43 One side of the Urals
44 Creche trio
46 Eat in style
47 Sicilian spouter
48 Actress Patricia
51 Stiller or Stein

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

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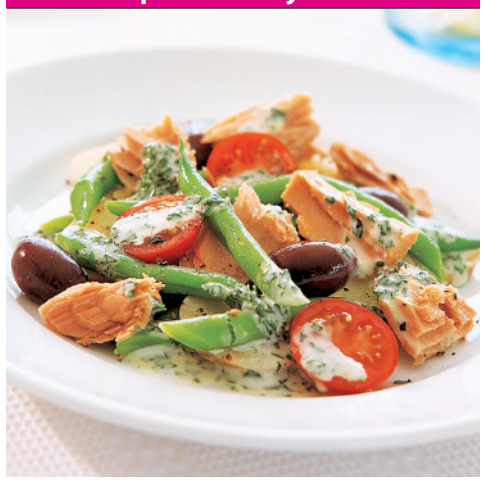

Tuna and Green Bean Salad

INGREDIENTS:

3 cloves garlic, peeled
8 oz (250 g) green beans, halved
6 small red potatoes, halved
2 tbsp (25 ml) balsamic or red wine vinegar
2 tbsp (25 ml) low-fat mayonnaise
1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil
pinch of salt
1/2 cup (125 ml) fresh basil leaves
8 oz (250 g) cherry tomatoes, halved
2-1/2 cans (15 oz/425 g) water-packed tuna, drained
6 romaine lettuce leaves
1/3 cup (75 ml) black olives, for garnish

METHOD:

1. Blanch garlic in large pot of boiling water 3 minutes. Transfer garlic to food processor or blender; set aside. Add beans to boiling water and cook 4 minutes, or until crisp-tender. Remove beans, rinse under cold water and drain. Add potatoes to pot and cook 12 minutes, or until tender; drain.
2. Add vinegar, mayonnaise, oil and salt to garlic in food processor and purée. Add basil and 2 tbsp (25 ml) water and purée again.
3. Transfer dressing to large bowl. Add tomatoes, beans, potatoes and tuna, tossing to coat. Tear lettuce into small pieces. Add lettuce and toss again. Garnish with olives.

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Today's Sun-Jupiter aspect gives you divine protection. However, others can't to come to your rescue every time you make a mistake — so don't make any.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Your feelings for someone are getting deeper by the day, and over the next 24 hours what passes will bring you closer together into a blending of souls.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You push your feelings to one side, maybe out of embarrassment, but today you give your attention on one person. The time to say "I love you" is now.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
An achiever by nature, you must keep your ambition under control to get what you desire. Don't make an enemy of someone more powerful than you.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Everything seems to be going right for you at the moment and your run of good fortune will continue for quite some time. Don't waste it — use it.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Recent successes may have been to your credit but give some to your team. Say nice things about your colleagues now and they'll be there for you later.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Creative and artistic activities will go well for you, as will affairs of the heart. Don't assume a romantic attachment doesn't need to be cared for. It does.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You hate when others keep secrets from you and you'll try to find out what everyone but you is gossiping about. Beware: it may be close to home.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Why is everyone so happy to see you? Why do they want favours from you? Is it a joke? If so, you should laugh too. The cosmic powers are on your side.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Your energy levels will climb today but don't work harder or longer. Finish your schedule quickly and take the rest of the day off. You've earned it.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Your plans will be bigger and bolder than ever, but in your haste to get started you could overlook an important detail. Take your time and get it right.

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